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## Germany Responds To French Saarland Threat HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO WESTERN FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—Heavy German reinforcements are now apparently being rushed up to the threatened Saar region.

Communique No. 8, issued at 9.12 p.m. (4.12 a.m. H.K.T.) states that the German lines have been reinforced on the front between the Rhine and the Moselle Rivers.

BROUGHT UP FROM INTERIOR

The communique adds: "The arrival of new forces from the interior of Germany has been signalled to our forces."  
Heavy reinforcements have been seen arriving along the entire line of the Moselle front.

The Moselle, which runs through Alsace-Lorraine, the two French provinces wrested from Germany in 1918, enters Germany at Luxemburg's southernmost frontier.

According to yesterday's reports, fighting is heaviest in the Saar region, with Saarbrücken, the capital, apparently the French objective.



Some of the teeth of Germany's Siegfried Line in Saarland. Anti-tank barricades stretching along the Franco-German frontier from Switzerland to Aachen, and which French artillery is now pounding vigorously.

## No Peace at Expense of Poland

### DETERMINATION TO SMASH NAZIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The British Government is resolutely determined to wage war until the Nazi regime, as constituted under its present leaders, is destroyed and will refuse to be caught by any manoeuvre by Hitler for a premature peace before that objective is achieved.

The British foresees, and are prepared for, a manoeuvre by Hitler after he smashes the Polish Army whereby the Fuehrer is expected to attempt to inveigle the British and French into a quick peace at Poland's expense.

Long And Bitter War  
But the British are prepared mentally and morally, and are preparing materially, for a long and bitter war.  
"Merely everyone I talk with, both military and layman, feels that the war may last several years," writes Mr. Webb Miller, General European News Manager for "United Press."  
"Each day signs accumulate that Hitler's plan of campaign, which I outlined on August 23 before the war started, is so far being followed."  
"Firstly, Hitler has not declared war against Britain or France; secondly, he has made no offensive move against the British and French on the western front, thirdly, a Nazi Foreign Office spokesman told neutral correspondents: 'Germany is taking no action against the western front'; fourthly, Hitler, as far as is known, is consulting from the German people the French movements against the Siegfried Line; fifthly, the Italian inspired press is hinting that the British and French may listen to reason' after Poland has been smashed and suggests that Italy may then have an opportunity to mediate."

Morale Collapse  
"The sole, bare hope here of a comparatively brief war is that of a collapse in German morale," continues Mr. Webb Miller.  
"This is based on reports of internal dissensions and lack of enthusiasm for war, which the British are attempting to fan by leaflet raids in which about twenty million leaflets have so far been scattered in Germany."

Gunboats Asked To Depart

Japan's "Friendly Advice" To British Navy  
HANKOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Japanese Consular authorities have forwarded a note to the British Consul-General, tendering "friendly advice."  
In order to "prevent incidents," it is stated, the British gunboats Peler and Scour should leave port.  
The note specified that the Japanese military authorities would guarantee the safety of all Britons in Hankow.  
The British Consul-General in reply said the question was being referred to the proper authorities.  
Two Japanese warships later steamed up and anchored close to the two British gunboats, and another Japanese warship lay off a French gunboat.

General Situation  
Making a statement on the general position in the Far East, Mr. Butler said that hostilities had for some time been on a very restricted scale, though operations of some importance appeared to be in progress from the beginning of May on the Mongol-Manchu frontier.

In an aide memoire on September 5 to representatives of Britain, France, Germany and Poland, the Japanese Government stated its intention to concentrate efforts to settle the dispute with China.

Sir Robert Craigie's conversations with the Japanese Government were at present in suspense. The British Government made it clear that they were anxious to continue the conversations in the hope that agreement might be reached on all outstanding points.  
Meanwhile, the situation in Tientsin was unchanged, except insofar as it was complicated by the floods.

## DAVENTRY NEWS BROADCASTS

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—At the beginning of Daventry's first news broadcast in Polish, the Polish Ambassador to London conveyed to the people of Poland a message from Mr. Chamberlain.

The message said that Great Britain and France had entered the war determined to fight with all their power the forces of aggression against Poland.  
The statement concluded: "They are strengthened in the knowledge that they are fighting for things which are greater than the interests of any one country—for the honour, justice and freedom of the world."

## MEXICO WARNS NAZI SHIPS

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Mexico has warned the nine German steamers which have taken refuge in the Gulf of Mexico that they are transmitting acts, would be a violation of Mexican neutrality.  
The Government has sealed up all the wireless operators' cabins, and has warned the crews that severe penalties will be inflicted on anyone breaking the order.

## NEWS FLASHES

### Yugo-Slavia Mobilising

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The War Office reports that Yugo-Slavia has decided on general mobilisation.

The War Minister has been empowered to put the decision into effect by stages.

The Yugo-Slav army is increasing daily, and is approaching half a million in strength.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Parliament to-day adjourned until September 13.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (UP).—The liner Manhattan arrived here to-day, carrying a record number of passengers totalling 1,573.

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—All British subjects over 15 years of age must report to the nearest police station within 24 hours, according to a decree issued by the Minister of the Interior, Herr Frick.

The order applies to nationals of Britain, Northern Ireland, the British colonies, protectorates and mandated territories, and India.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Canadian Government has instructed the Canadian High Commissioner in London to provide financial assistance to the Canadian survivors of the Athenia tragedy.

Mr. John Kennedy, second son of the American Ambassador, has arrived at Glasgow to take care of the American survivors.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—After conferring with Turkish leaders for a fortnight, the Turkish Ambassador to London has left Istanbul for England.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Discussions between the Secretary for the Dominions, the Secretary for the Colonies and the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia on the Rhodesia-Nyasaland Commission have been suspended owing to the war. They will be resumed when circumstances permit.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—A Danish fishing boat was blown up in a minefield near Ebbwerg, says a message from Copenhagen.  
All four members of the crew perished.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—United States liners arriving in Britain yesterday carried large American flags painted on the decks and on both sides of the ships.

At night they fly floodlight flags and travel with all lights blazing.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—For the time being prices in Australia, PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

## HUNTING THE U-BOATS

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—A British communique states that there are no major naval operations to report. Attacks on German submarines continue. At least in one case success appears probable.

German submarine attacks on shipping are taking place in various localities. The losses reported are the steamers Bosnia and Royal Seppie. The Corinthian was attacked but escaped undamaged and has reached port.

It is reported that 26 German merchantmen, totalling 119,000 tons, have taken refuge in Vigo.

### CANADA AT WAR

Empire Rallies To The Motherland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, told Parliament to-day that a state of war exists.

His speech did not contain any formal declaration.

Canadian Decision

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Governor-General of Canada, Lord Tweedsmuir, in a speech from the Throne when Parliament met yesterday, said that his Ministers were convinced that Canada and its people would unite in a national effort to defend to their utmost the liberties which were threatened.

Britain was honouring her pledges and was now at war with Germany. Parliament would have to consider measures for the defence of Canada, and methods of co-operating in the effort against aggression and force.

The militia, naval and air forces were already on active service and other steps had been taken to defend Canada's coasts and her internal security.

Parliament would have to consider proposals put before it without delay in action, including an estimate covering the expenses arising out of, or which might arise out of, war.

"We have few, if any, more critical in the history of the world—the people of Canada are facing the crisis with the same fortitude as that of the people of the United Kingdom and the rest of the Commonwealth."

Egypt Severs Relations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Ministry of Information has announced that the British Government has been officially informed that the Egyptian Government has decided to sever diplomatic relations with Germany.

Iraq Joins In

BAGHDAD, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Iraq has decided to sever relations with Germany.

It is learned in London that Iraq has informed the German Minister that he must leave the country within 24 hours, and the Iraq representative in Berlin has been instructed to ask for his passport.

A number of Germans in Iraq, connected with the military or otherwise, who are regarded as dangerous, have been interned.

Princes Pledge Services

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—To date 83 Indian princes have sent messages of loyalty to the King-Emperor.

Offer To Canada

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Mackenzie Battalion, which fought for the Spanish Government in Spain, has offered its services as a fighting unit of 1,000 men to the Canadian Government.

### Cracow Captured

Berlin, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—General von Brauchitsch, the German Commander-in-Chief, has proclaimed the capture of Cracow.

The proclamation states that Bromberg and Graudenz have been taken and the Corridor no longer separates East Prussia and Danzig from Germany.

Polish Troops Bombed

WARSAW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Polish general staff, in a communique says that German aeroplanes are bombing Polish troops.

There were several raids on Warsaw. Fifteen German planes were brought down yesterday and 20 to-day.

The Poles lost six planes.

Fighting is proceeding at Lodz, Piotrkow, Tomaszow to the west of Tarnow, and in the north of Torun, Sierp and Clonsk, where the enemy have been held.

More Men Called Up

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—At noon to-day, the Agency Radio at Zurich reported a dispatch from the "Bader Nachrichten" at Riga, saying that the Poles have mobilized six additional classes of officers and non-commissioned officers, regardless of age.

The Poles have announced the formation of two Czechoslovak Legions.

The newspaper also reports that women and children hurried hand grenades at the German forces at Riga in southern Poland.

The press published a dispatch appearing in the Zurich "Neuezeitliche Zeitung" reporting from Berlin: "Western German frontier cities have been or are being evacuated."

"Evacuation of the French from frontier towns is believed to be completed."

Hitler Bans Reports

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—From Brussels comes the news that the German papers are not printing anything about the fighting on the Western Front.

They carry jubilant reports, however, of the progress made in Poland.

Too Many Recruits

SIMLA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—As so many offers for service have been received, the Government has found it necessary to request the public to continue in their ordinary occupations to avoid dislocation of industry.

Indian Officers Called Up

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Officers of the Indian regular reserve have been called up.

An ordinance issued yesterday covers the subject of the Indian air force volunteer reserve.

## Mr. Chamberlain Reviews the War

### Premier's Praise For The Royal Air Force

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Continuing his statement in the House of Commons, outlining the progress of the war to date, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, declared:

"Apart from the case of the Athenia, there have been attacks on other British merchant ships by German U-boats, and three or four ships have been sunk."

"On our side the Admiralty has taken immediate counter-measures. British destroyers and anti-submarine craft have been very active and large reinforcements of anti-submarine and escort vessels are rapidly becoming available."

Convoy System

"As Mr. Winston Churchill has already informed the House, steps are being taken to establish the convoy system at the earliest possible moment."

"This method of protection can obviously be only instituted after the outbreak of war. It takes time to bring it fully into operation, but the House can be satisfied that it is being applied with the utmost possible speed and vigour."

"Most of the ships which have been attacked hitherto are vessels which commenced their voyages before war had broken out, and naturally, for them, the full scope of our defensive organisation could not be immediately provided."

Navy On Top

"While a certain proportion of weekly losses must be expected, and we must not minimise the threat to our shipping, I think the House and the country may rest assured that the navy, with all their war-time experience in handling this problem, and with the added advantage of the methods of submarine detection and destruction which have since been developed, will increasingly bring the problem under control."

Wilhelmshaven Attack

"The Government would like to pay tribute to the very brilliant attack made by units of the R.A.F. on certain German warships off Wilhelmshaven (cheers) during which at least two hits were scored on one of the so-called 'pocket' battleships."

"It has to be realised that the objectives attacked, namely the German fleet bases at Wilhelmshaven and at the entrance of the Kiel Canal, are probably the most strongly defended points in Germany, and the manner in which the R.A.F. attacks were pressed home despite the strength of the defences, was worthy of highest praise."

"Mention must be made of the weather conditions prevailing during the afternoon of the attack."

Attack in Palestine

"Visibility was extremely poor and the final stages of the attack are stated to have been carried out in a blinding rainstorm."

"A high degree of navigational skill was thus necessary to enable the attack to reach its objectives at all, and the fact that hits were re-

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## EMPIRE NEWS

### R.N.V.R. UNIT FORMED IN UGANDA

KAMPALA. A unit of the Royal Naval Volunteer Supplementary Reserve has been formed at Kampala, 800 miles from the sea. The branch will use the Yacht Club as headquarters.

The Kampala branch of the Reserve was formed as the result of a meeting of members of the Victoria Nyanza Sailing Club, which was addressed by Lt.-Cmdr. P. N. Churchill of the cruiser Gloucester, visiting Mombasa.

The commander explained the principles of trade defence policy in time of war and showed that many volunteers would be required by the Navy.

### JAMAICA

#### CRITICISM BY THE GOVERNOR

KINGSTON, Jamaica. The Governor, Sir Arthur Richards, recently strongly criticised the elected members of the Jamaica Legislative Council for throwing out the Government Transport Bill.

He announced the intention of the Government to bring back the measure next year. The Government was not willing to grant a monopoly to any private enterprise to provide transport services for Kingston and Lower St. Andrew.

Several elected members took exception to the remarks of the Governor.

### INDIA

#### BOMBAY CONCESSION TO PARSEES

BOMBAY. The Bombay Government has accepted all the demands of the Parsees regarding liquor for sacramental purposes in their homes as well as in their fire temples. Officiating priests are directed to keep a strict account of the liquor so administered. This is a gesture of conciliation to the religious susceptibilities of Parsees, who were foremost in the campaign against Prohibition.

Shri Meher Baba, the famous Parsee spiritual leader, who has adherents all over the world, has decided to settle at Bangalore. He has asked the Mysore Government for a grant of land on which to open an ashram, or spiritual colony.

Meher's ashram is at present at Nasik, near Bombay. He has numerous European and American followers, including Princess Norma Matchabell, the actress, who played the part of the Madonna in the original production of "The Miracle" in London.

Meher became known as the "Silent Messiah" on account of his long period of silence. He visited London in 1933.

### NEW ZEALAND

#### 10 INCHES OF SNOW AT DUNEDIN

AUCKLAND. Recently 10 inches of snow fell on Dunedin. Business was disorganised. Roads leading to the city were blocked.

Snowstorms swept the South Island for two days and more falls occurred in the North Island.

### KENYA

#### MOBASA STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

MOMBASA. The general strike here is gradually breaking down. Natives who were guarding the streets armed with sticks and knives are filtering back to their jobs.

Work at the port is going slowly forward, though it is still subject to delay as labour remains short.

The real causes of the strike remain obscure.

#### AUTUMN ELECTION FOR SENATE

JOHANNESBURG. Senate elections will be held on Oct. 24, when 32 Senators will be elected, eight for each Province of the Union. Attempts made by Senator O. Hartog and Senator E. Brookes to reform the Senate and the elections have failed.

Whether the move for rejuvenating the personnel of the Upper House will be successful is rather doubtful. There will be a number of changes, however, including the replacement of the two Cabinet Ministers, Senator C. F. Clarkson, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, intends to contest a bye-election for the vacant seat.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Shippers are advised that on account of the actual hostilities, the rates of freights from Hongkong to Haiphong are increased by 20% as from the 7th of September, 1939.

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#### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Hennessy Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in 40 feet	Area in Acres	Approx. Rental	Upset Price
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### Vacation Goes Up in Flames

Greenwich, Conn. Mrs. Hazelene Orr saved \$100 for a vacation trip and put it in a paper bag for safe keeping. When it disappeared she called police. An investigation was in full swing when Mrs. Orr suddenly remembered with grief she had absent-mindedly tossed the bag into an incinerator with other rubbish and burned her savings.

# Girl, 19, Charged With Killing Sweetheart

## Arrest On Recovery From A Wound

THERE was a sequel at Hatfield Police Court recently to the finding of Boy Corporal Frederick Walter Read (17), Royal Air Force, dead from a shot wound at Cuffley, Herts, on May 30, and nearby Miss Joyce Queenie Mary James (19) with a shot wound in the chest.

The girl, a domestic worker, living in Birkbeck Road, Enfield, was charged with murdering Read.

She had been discharged from hospital earlier in the day and was allowed to sit during the brief police court proceedings.

Detective-Inspector William Oxland said, that at Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet, that day he told James that he was going to arrest her on the charge.

He took her to Barnet police station. When she was cautioned and charged she replied, "What can I say?"

Asked by the clerk whether she wished to ask any question, she said "No."

She was remanded in custody.

### News Is Stranger Than Fiction

JOHN MILLER lives at Teynham, Kent. Seven miles away at Bredgar lives his brother, Frederick. They meet but seldom.

Recently, John, who was married to see his doctor. He collapsed in the doctor's surgery.

That day, too, Frederick went to his work on a farm. He fell from a cherry tree and injured his spine.

And later, in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, twenty miles away, two men turned in their adjoining beds and recognised each other.

They were John and Frederick.

### SOLDIERS ON CHARGE

#### Allegations of Robbery And Assault

Charged with assaulting Wong Kai-yu in Hankow Road on Monday and robbing him of a watch, Privates Percy Middleton, 23, James Wright, 24, and George Edward Chalkfield, 24, of the Middlesex Regiment were remanded for a week by Mr. Himswoth at Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday.

Two months' hard labour was imposed on Lee Kwai-chol, 17, unemployed, by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's court for the theft of a handbag from Miss L. d'Erenee, of Austin Road.

### Employment Of Ex-Officers

The War Office announced recently that it is engaged on a scheme by which retired Regular and Territorial officers, ex-officers and officers and certain other ranks at present serving with the Territorial Army and Supplementary Reserve are eligible for re-employment, attachment to units, or to short-service commissions on more favourable terms than those obtaining at present.

The chief features of the scheme are as follows:

Periods of service varying from one month to a maximum of three years—or the duration of the Military Training Act, if shorter.

The initial employment of officers, subject to vacancies, in a rank according to their previous service; subsequent promotion to be by merit.

Pay and allowances at full Army rates of rank.

Gratuities on completion of service as follows:

If electing to serve for:  
Major ... 3 years 2 years 1 year  
£300 ... £150 ... £50  
Captain ... £250 ... £125 ... £50  
Subaltern ... £200 ... £100 ... £50

Details of the scheme, which will be published shortly, will include instructions as to where and how to apply. Pending such publication no applications, either written or personal, should be made to the War Office.

### Y.M.C.A. FIXTURES

Sunday.—Discussion Group, 9 p.m. Prof. R. Robertson, "Nationalism and the International Ideal."

Monday.—Bandaging Class, 10.30 a.m. Flag whistle drive, 8.30 p.m. service lounge, ground floor, 50 cts.

Tuesday.—Bridge, 10 a.m. Badminton, 8.30 p.m. Mixed swimming, 6 p.m.

Wednesday.—Flag whistle and mah-jong, 10 a.m. Surg. Capt. G. V. Hobbs' second talk on Anatomy, 6 p.m. Service whistle drive, 8.30 p.m.

Thursday.—Mah-jong class, 10 a.m. Committee meeting, 10.30 a.m. Friday.—Keep Fit class, 10 a.m. Badminton, 8.30 p.m. Mixed swimming, 6 p.m.

## PREMIER'S PRAISE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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householders who so generously are providing homes for the mothers and children.

"Over 200,000 hospital beds are to-day ready for air raid casualties. Over 11,000 auxiliary nurses have joined the civil nursing reserve for service in the hospitals and first aid posts, and more of both trained nurses and auxiliaries are needed, especially women who can give whole-time service in any part of the country."

"The auxiliary fire service was mobilised quickly and on the whole smoothly, and in the main the available fire-fighting units are being kept permanently manned and ready for action. In London, for instance, there are over 1,800 fire pumps ready for action against about 125 in peace time."

### Gaining Momentum

Concluding, Mr. Chamberlain said he hoped his statement would show the country that Britain's war effort was rapidly gaining momentum.

"It has behind it the full weight of all the people of this country who are united in their conviction that no nation ever went to war in a higher cause."

"We are greatly heartened by the knowledge that in the struggle for the defence of liberty and free institutions, and for the preservation of all that makes life worth living, we can count on the support of the overseas members of the British Commonwealth."

"On their own free will and under no form of compulsion save the moral and compelling force of the right of nations, they have declared their intention of co-operating in a cause which is as less precious to them than it is to the people of England."

Mr. Arthur Greenwood thanked Mr. Chamberlain for his statement and asked the Premier to keep the country informed promptly whether the news was good or bad.

The Kiel action had been published on the day it had occurred it would have heartened the people.

Mr. Chamberlain said he did not want to circulate any information until all the facts had been ascertained, but, with experience, hoped they would do better in the future.

## TRAIN ROUTES RE-OPENED

LONDON, Sept. 7. (Reuter).

—Train services between Rome and Paris will be resumed to-day.

Train services between Switzerland and Italy have already been resumed.

The Orient Express will now travel as far as Paris instead of ending the service at Milan.

The Belgium air line resumed service yesterday between Belgium and England after having suspended its schedule for a week.

## STOCK EXCHANGE RESUMES

LONDON, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—The London Stock Exchange resumed official business to-day, with prices generally firm and trading freer than last week.

Industrials were occasionally stronger and gilt-edged holdings were around the fixed minimum. West African gold shares met with a good demand.

The large demand for cotton was again unsatisfied on the Liverpool market as sellers withheld at to-day's pegged prices.

Wall Street was firm.

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have been fixed at those prevailing on August 31.

Refusal to sell at those prices renders the goods liable to seizure for sale by the Federal Government.

LONDON, Sept. 7. (Reuter).—M. Daladier and General Gamelin, head of the French forces, held a conference yesterday.

It is understood that in particular, they discussed the progress of the war on the Western Front.

### Olympic Committee

San Francisco, Sept. 7. The German Consul-General in San Francisco has resigned his membership of the Olympic Club. He received a telegram warning him that 155 members had threatened to resign unless he did so.—Reuter.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The few transactions reported indicate that amongst others H.K. Banks, Unions, Docks & Lands have more or less found their level, but an air of some uncertainty still exists with the remainder of the list.

### Buyers

Hongkong Banks \$1,200  
H.K. Docks \$14 1/2  
Providents \$3.00  
H.K. Hotels \$3.85  
H.K. Lands \$30  
H.K. Realties \$3 1/2  
H.K. Trams \$14

### Sales

Hongkong Banks \$1,200/25  
Union Insurance \$330  
H.K. Lands \$14 1/2  
Providents \$4  
H.K. Lands \$30  
Electricity \$50  
China Lights (new) \$3 1/2

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Atoks Ps. 18 s  
Antamok Ps. 17 b  
Bupatin Gold Ps. 14 b  
Batong Bulay Ps. 011 s  
Benquet Consolidated Ps. 0.20 s  
Big Wedge Ps. 18 b  
Coco Grove Ps. 16 1/2 s  
Consolidated Mines Ps. 0025 s  
Demonstration Ps. 07 1/2 b  
N.C. Ps. 30 1/2  
Ipa Gold Ps. 12 b  
Hoyon Mining Ps. 20 1/2 s  
Mambulo Consolidated Ps. 06 b  
Masbate Consolidated Ps. 00 1/4 s  
Mindanao Motherlode Ps. 00 1/2 b  
Nines Operation Ps. 10 1/2 b  
North Camarines Ps. 18 b  
Paracale Gumaus Ps. 14 b  
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Surigao Consolidated Ps. 19 b  
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Syndicate Investment Ps. 02 b  
United Paracale Ps. 20 s

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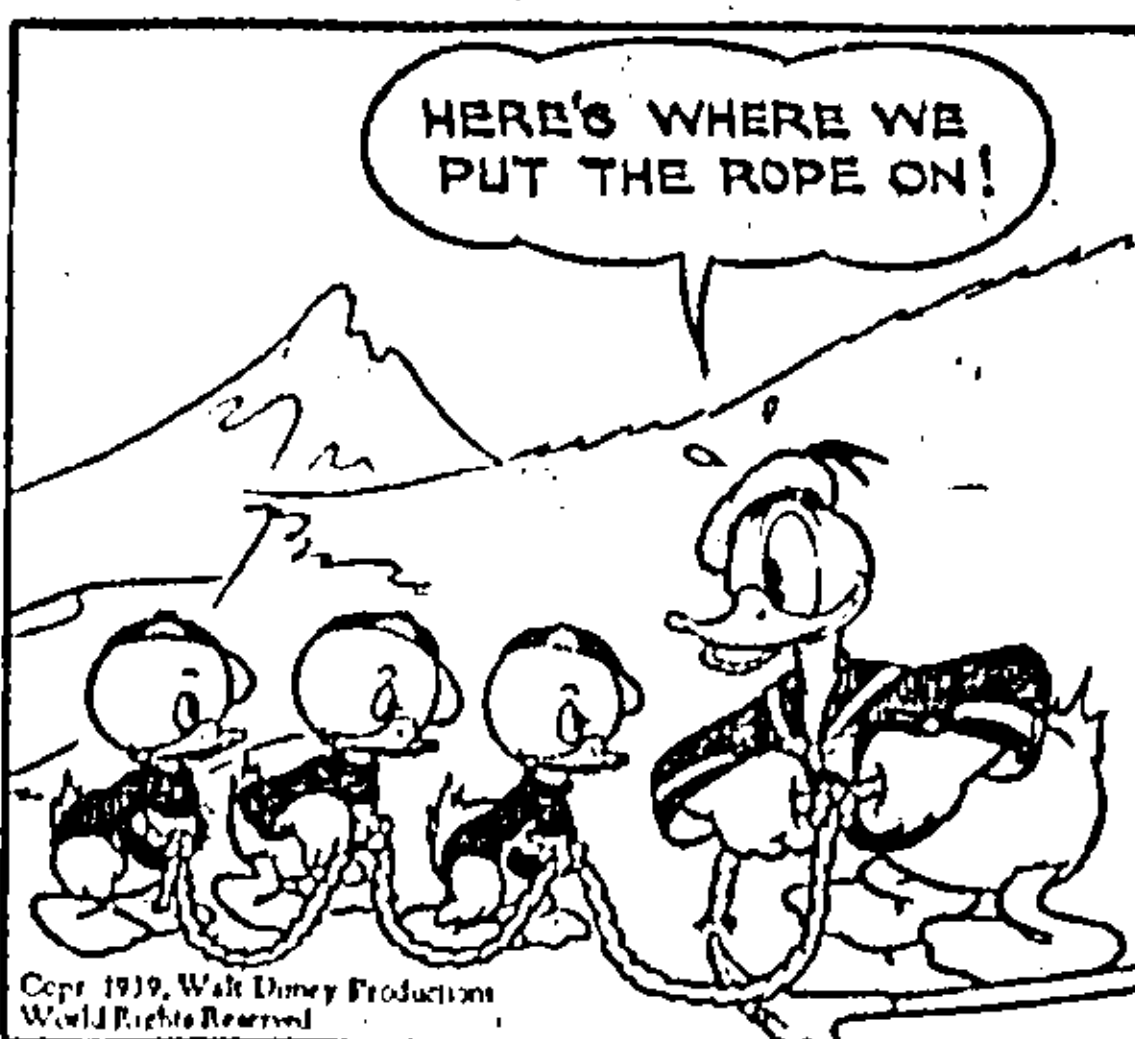
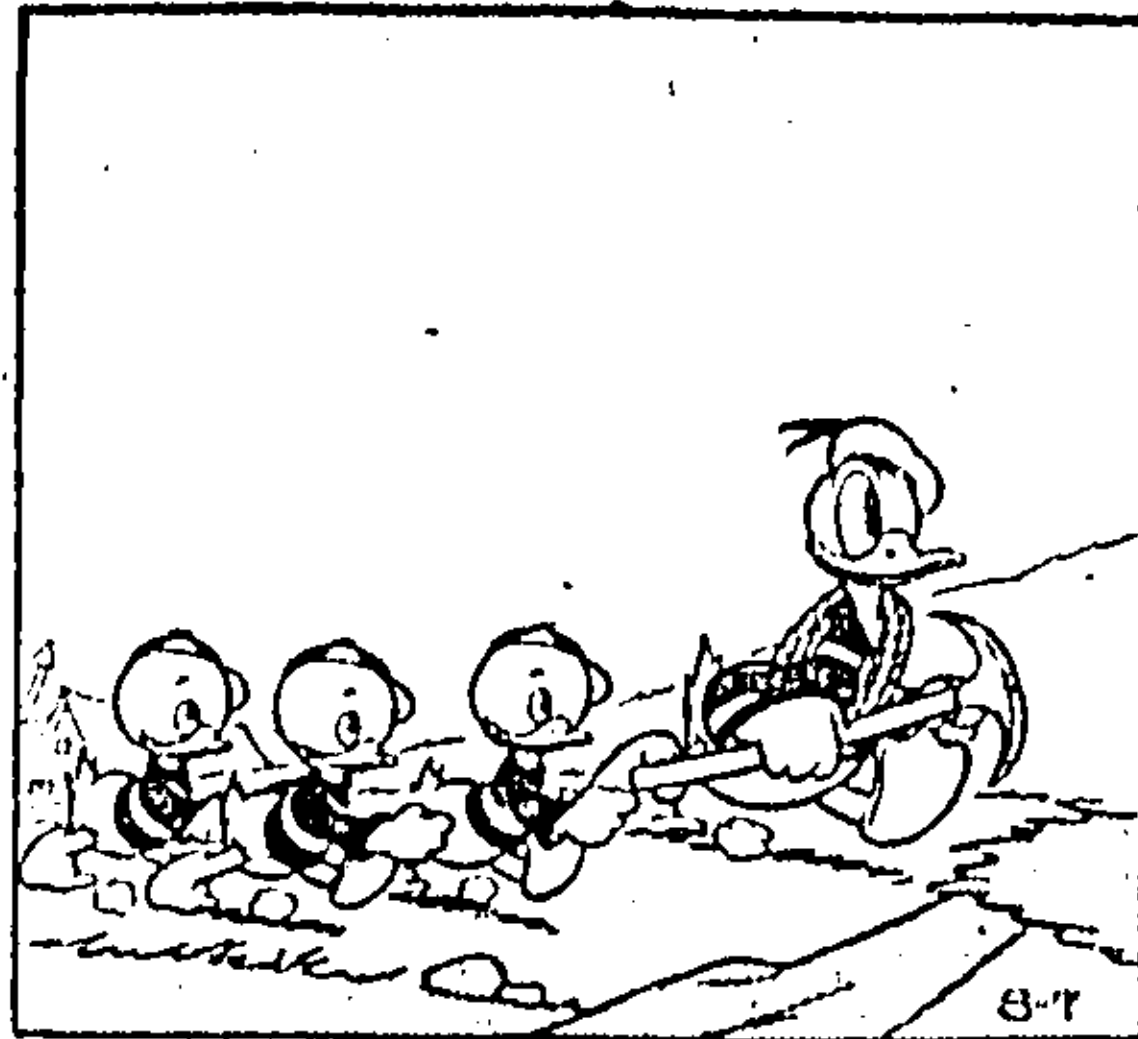
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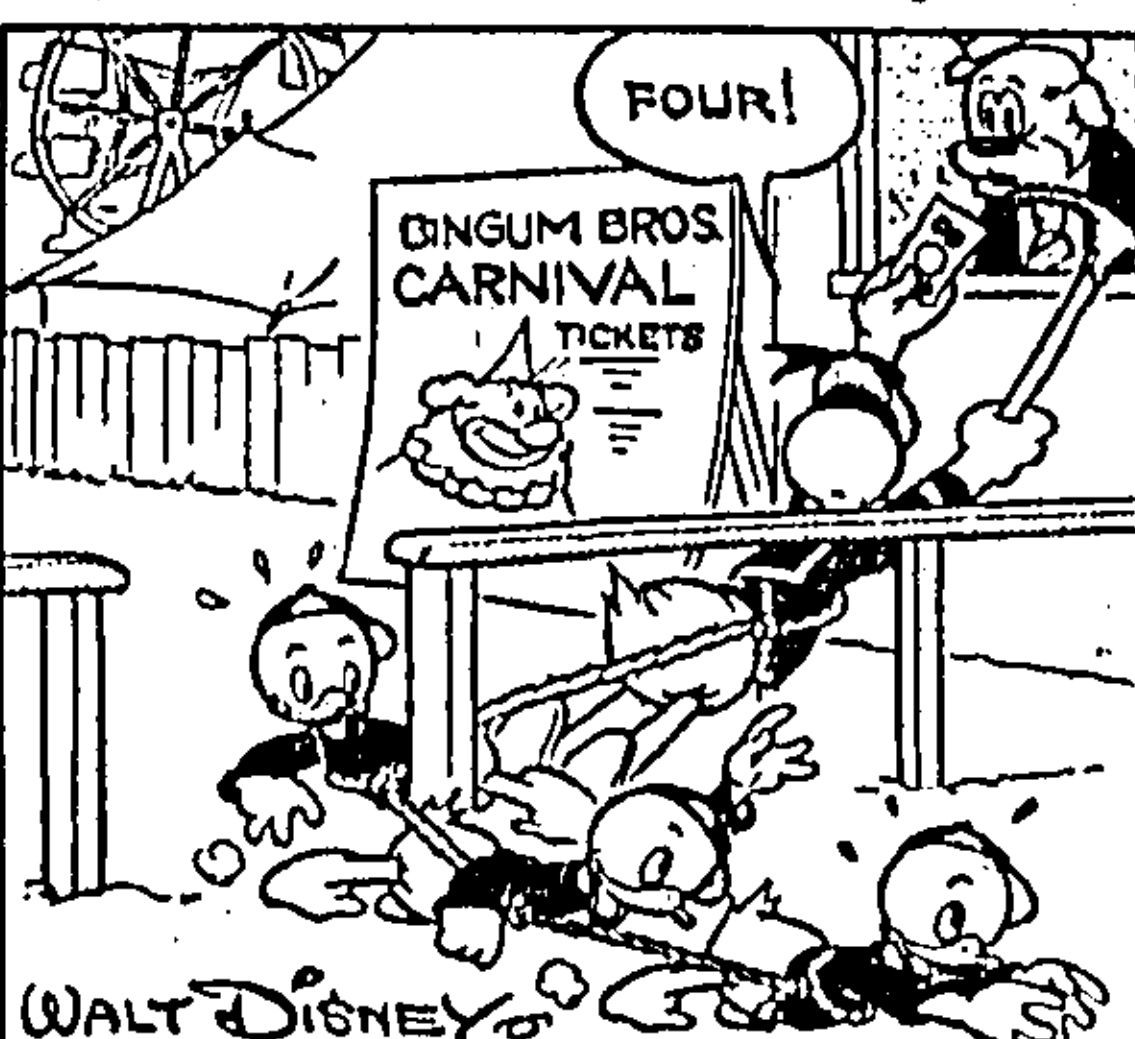
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## Demolition Of Flat

### Leads To Action In Supreme Court

After giving evidence as a witness before Mr. Justice Lindsell in the Supreme Court yesterday, Ng Kau, contractor, was joined as defendant in an action in which Shum Ying-tong, Yun Kwong-chuen and Chow Tat-hing of Lai-chikok proceeded against Lee Chow-chuen of Des Voeux Road, Central.

Mr. M. A. da Silva acted for plaintiffs and Mr. D. McCallum for defendant.

Particulars of the claim were that plaintiffs were tenants of houses in Lai-chikok Road and defendant was landlord. About May 6, defendant caused a scaffolding to be erected by the side of the premises with a view to pulling them down. About May 22, he sent workmen to the houses and they removed windows, steel bars and the kitchen doors. Defendant threatened and intended to demolish the houses.

Plaintiffs claimed an order determining the rental of sitting tenants, an injunction restraining defendant from continuing the demolishing operations, damages not exceeding \$1,000, an injunction requiring defendant to restore the steel bars, windows and kitchen doors, that the scaffolding be removed and costs.

Mr. Silva applied to add Ng Kau as a defendant because it was divulged only at the last hearing that part of the defence was that Ng had carried out the demolishing work without permission.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that defendant's evidence might conclude soon and that no notice had been served on the contractor.

Mr. Silva decided to wait until the end of the hearing.

Li Quan-min, cross-examined by Mr. Silva, said he had spoken to the tenants concerning the proposed demolition work. On April 11, he obtained permission from the Building Authorities and signed a contract with the contractor. Two letters of protest relating to the demolition work had been sent by the tenants but he had not replied.

Instructions to Contractor

Li said he told the contractor to stop the work but he did not know whether that was before an injunction order had been issued. He told the contractor not to interfere with the tenants' things when demolishing; by this he meant he had told the contractor not to start work.

After the service of the writ, said Li, he gave verbal instructions to the contractor to restore the premises. He promised to do so but so far had not done so. He had given no permission to the contractor to go on with the demolition work.

Mr. McCallum said he was relying on the point that he had not committed the trespass and that the responsibility for the demolition work was not his.

J. Moraes, architect, said on defendant's behalf, Lee instructed him to prepare plans for the modernising and renovating of the premises. He had given no instructions to the contractor to begin the work but it was understood he was to start after the tenants had left.

Ng Kau, contractor, said that after the contract had been signed, no

## THE VOLUNTEERS Naval Section Men Called Up for Service

Further details of the Naval Volunteers were called up by a Proclamation issued in a Government Gazette Extraordinary yesterday. The men affected are:

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Cadets: H. P. Bailey, W. A. Johnson, J. Y. Hutton-Potts, K. A. Watson, C. M. Stark, J. M. Purvis, J. B. Collis.  
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In addition there are 10 Chinese seamen, 40 ordinary seamen, four ordinary signalmen and an ordinary telegraphist.

Personnel increased

The Proclamation also increases the personnel of the Naval Volunteers. The composition will now be one Captain, two Commanders, six Lieutenant-Commanders, 17 Lieutenants and 32 Sub-Lieutenants in the executive branch, and a Commander, a Lieutenant-Commander, a Lieutenant and a Sub-Lieutenant in the engineering branch. Similar increases have been made in all branches.

There has also been formed a mine watching branch of warrant officers and ratings (European) who will be residents who, by reason of distance from Hongkong, will not be able to attend local drills.

## EMBARGO ON EXPORTS Long List of Materials To Be Prohibited

The prohibition of a large number of exports, unless by licence, was announced in a Government Gazette Extraordinary last night by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Controller of Trade. The order comes into force at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The goods affected are: Antimony, Aluminium, Bismuth, Cobalt, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Palladium, etc., Platinum, Ferro-alloy, Tin in Blocks, Non-Ferrous Scrap, Old Metal Iron, Steel Scrap and Waste Zinc.

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date was mentioned as to when he was to start, but a condition was he was to commence when he was instructed by the landlord. He had never been instructed by the landlord. After receiving permission from the Building Authorities he had seen the tenants who said if he wanted to start work they would have to move away. The architect had not given him instructions as to when to begin work, neither were such orders given him by Li. He had started work contrary to instructions. As far as he was aware no damage was caused to the tenants' property.

Before the case was adjourned to October 9, Mr. Lindsell made an injunction, qualified by consent, to allow the putting up of new windows.

## The War In The Air DOG-FIGHT OVER SOUTHEND

London, Sept. 7.

The first aerial dog-fight occurred near Southend. A correspondent was told by an eyewitness that a group of British Spitfire pursuit machines was attacked by 20 German planes flying in formation amid a ring of flame from exploding anti-aircraft shells. One German plane left the formation and it is believed, was subsequently brought down. Meanwhile the formation flight was reorganised into groups of four and five.—United Press.

### Grounded Aircraft

London, Sept. 7.

The people of London have been told what to do when they see grounded aircraft. They are to telephone the Police and help the injured whenever possible.

In case a machine is believed to be an enemy craft, they are warned not to approach as the plane may be blown up.—Reuter Bulletin.

### France Learning

Paris, Sept. 7.

An announcement has been made modifying air raid precautions to reduce the number of alarms.

So far the alarm has been sounded whenever a plane, enemy or even of doubtful nationality, was detected, whether it intended bombing or was merely reconnoitring.

It is expected that henceforth the alarm will be sounded only in case of real or imminent danger of bombing.—United Press.

### First Undisturbed Night

Paris, Sept. 7.

Parisians had their first real night's rest in three days, which was appreciated, in the absence of the dreaded air raid alarms.

They caught up some of the lost sleep and went to work this morning in a more cheerful mood, but perfectly aware that the alarm may be sounded at any moment.

Life has slowed down and there is a relative return to normal conditions. Trains are keeping to schedule, kiosks are open, morning papers are on sale and cafes are serving.—United Press.

### Preventing Burglaries

Paris, Sept. 7.

The French authorities have announced that any person entering a building for the purpose of burglary during an air raid is liable to the death penalty.

A reduction in prices of the shops in Paris for soldiers is announced.—Reuter Bulletin.

### Heavy German Losses

Paris, Sept. 7.

A Polish General Staff communique states that the Germans made no notable progress on the front to-day. Fifteen German planes were brought down to-day and 20 yesterday.—United Press.

### Air Attacks Successful

Berlin, Sept. 7.

A communique says that the Warsaw West Station was bombed and is in flames and that the bridges south of Warsaw over the Vistula have been destroyed.—United Press.

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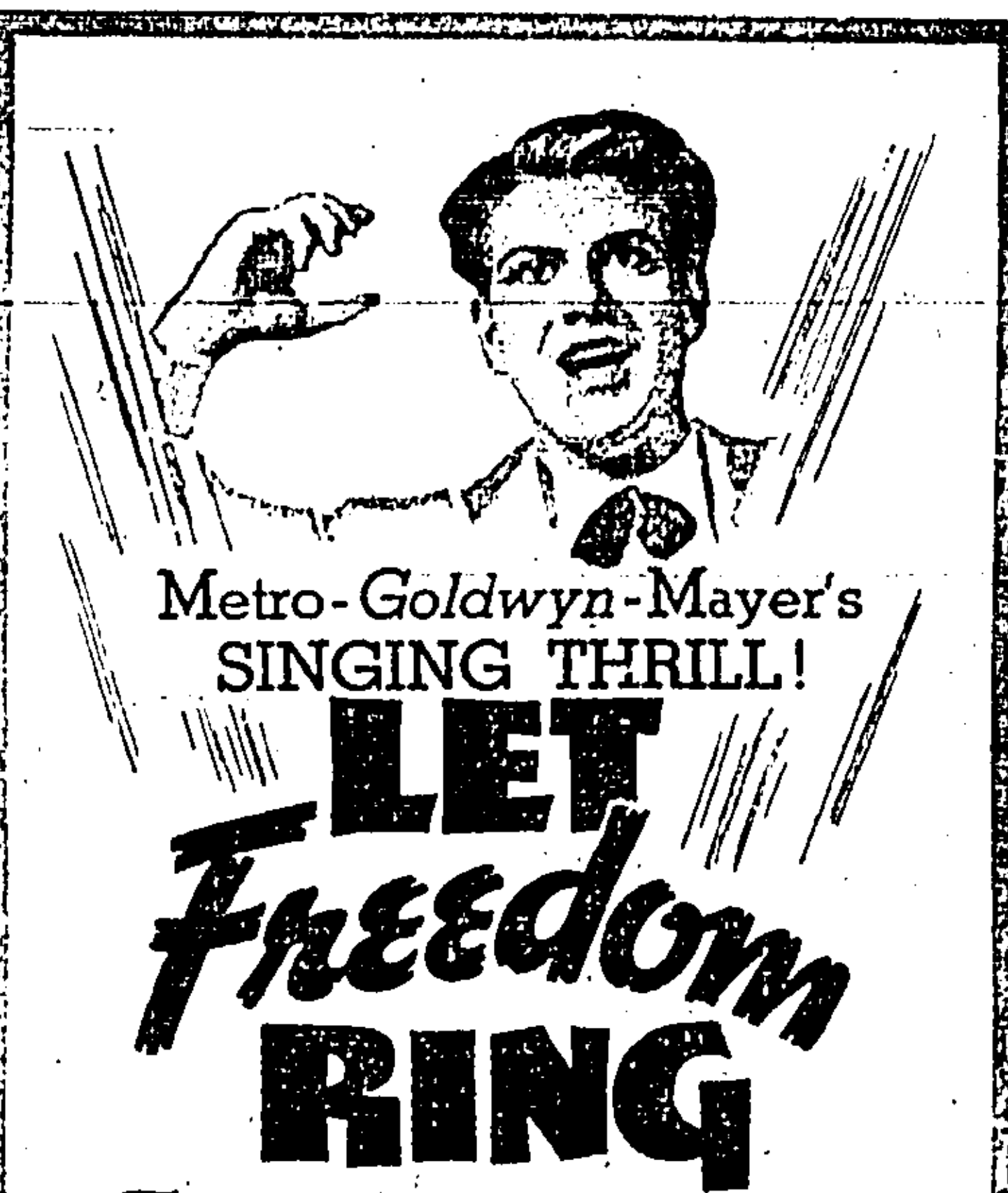
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### War Waste

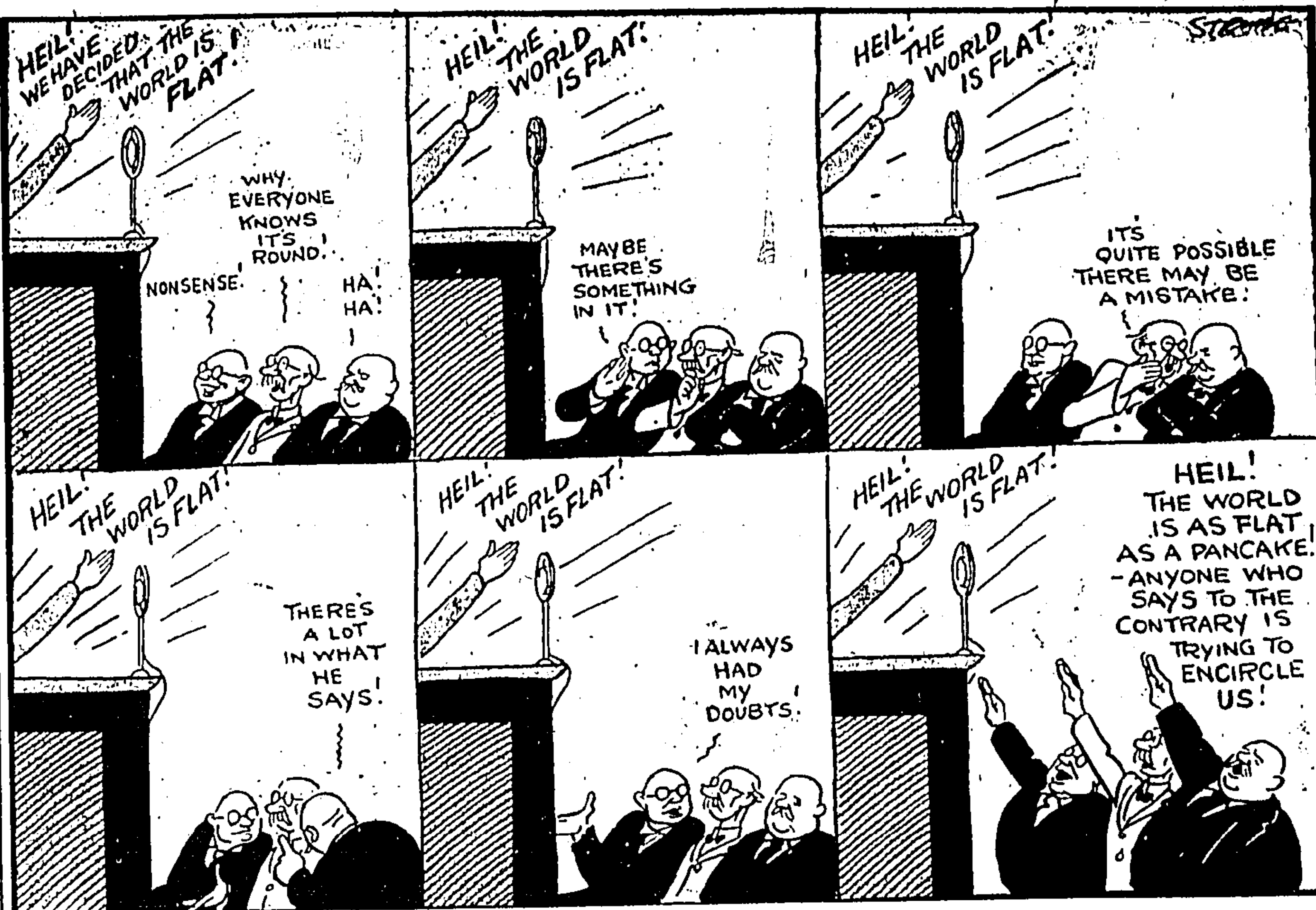
THE deplorable wastefulness of war is painfully exemplified by what has taken place in China since the beginning of this year. In the last seven or eight years hundreds of miles of motor roads were completed in Hunan and Kiangsi, linking the principal towns. It was a work of very great difficulty and labour. Thousands of bridges and culverts had to be built, and in hilly regions the track had to be hewn out of the solid rock.

This made an enormous change for the better in the social and economic life of the people. But it had other and unforeseen results. This network of roads enabled the Japanese to make rapid advance on towns evacuated by Chinese troops and civilians.

To prevent this the Chinese have resolved to destroy utterly what they had accomplished at such cost.

A correspondent of the *Times* tells how thoroughly this act of sacrifice has been carried out. He says that these roads, covering an area the size of England and Wales, have been entirely destroyed. Thousands of men are working to make rebuilding impossible. Every bridge and culvert has been torn down or blown up. Deep and wide trenches have been dug at intervals of a hundred yards. Even the old paths through the rice fields and over the mountain passes have been obliterated. On low-lying land the way has been ploughed and flooded, and is already planted with rice. It would be the work of a few hours to break up the narrow tracks that remain and leave the whole countryside a series of flooded valleys knee-deep in mud.

Much has been told in history of the heroism of hard-pressed nations flooding their country to impede the advance of invaders. But surely nothing on so extensive a scale as this in China. It tells more than many battles of the determination of the Chinese people to preserve their integrity and freedom at any cost.



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—Strube in the "Daily Express".

## Soldier Statesman

The Man who brought South Africa  
Into the War Yesterday

IF a world federation of States could be brought into existence to-morrow, there are a good many people who would vote for General Smuts as the best possible president.

He has that balance of gifts that helps to ensure both sanity and order. He combines moral idealism with hard practical sense. He is a fearless fighter, with a genius for compromise at the auspicious moment. He is a believer in liberty and a disciplinarian. And he has a versatile brain that seems capable of mastering any problem to which it applies itself.

I doubt, however, whether the mass of Englishmen have more than a vague knowledge of the personality and career of this extraordinary man. To most of them the facts related in Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin's biography, "General Smuts," published recently, will have the exciting freshness of news.

Comparatively few people even know that the Smuts who was afterwards to fight for the Boers against the British was born a British subject in the Cape of Good Hope. A feeble child, he was not expected to live long, and did not learn to read or write till he was 12 years old. He remained "pale and weedy" till he became a soldier in the war, but, to compensate for this, he possessed "terrific" energy, which was manifest even in his school days.

This was shown in the last week of his last term at school when, knowing no Greek, he had to learn enough Greek to pass his matriculation. "On Monday he took up his Greek grammar. . . . He read it violently for six days and then he knew it by heart, the whole book—declensions, conjugations, irregular verbs and all." As a result of this and similar exploits, he came out first in the examination.

He showed the same spirit of

determination in pushing himself through Cambridge with the aid of a scholarship and borrowed money. He intended to become a lawyer, and, with this object in view, he was scarcely even tempted by pleasure.

To the present day, he does not smoke or drink or play cards. He has always disliked dancing and games and "girls as girls." He cares nothing for pictures or music. He does not mind how he eats or lives. "He likes to be uncomfortable."

At the same time, his asceticism was never that of a man bent at all costs upon worldly success. He loved books—especially poetry, such as that of Whitman, which seemed to give life a meaning and purpose.

While at Cambridge, indeed, he wrote a book on Whitman which was rejected—with compliments—by George Meredith, then "reading" for Chapman and Hall.

Returning to South Africa, he was drawn to Cecil Rhodes as a worker for unity between the Dutch and the English. Shocked by the Jameson Raid, however, he joined the Transvaal Bar and became State Attorney under Kruger. Even so, he did all in his power to prevent war between the Dutch and the English. When compromise proved impossible, he entered on a new career and ultimately became a leader in guerrilla warfare comparable in some respects with Lawrence of Arabia.

That was the period of his life, he declares, in which he took the greatest "boyish" satisfaction. He found that he had "no bodily fear." He was temporarily indifferent to death and wounds, not only for himself but for others. "The men who were affected by the dead and wounded," he said afterwards, "were the neurotics."

Mrs. Millin gives us an unforgettable picture of this tattered General, invading Cape Colony with his tiny forces, eluding the army of a great Empire—a soldier at once on the offensive and on the run, carrying a Greek Testament

and Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason" in his saddle-bag.

The present volume of Mrs. Millin's biography brings the story of General Smuts down only to the day in 1917 on which Mr. Lloyd George invited him to join the War Cabinet. But by that time he had already proved himself the great fighter and the great peacemaker that the world knows.

He had helped to make peace with the English at the right moment, and to preserve that peace by persuading the Liberal Cabinet to restore freedom to South Africa. He had faced rebellion and revolution at home indifferent alike to calumny and danger. And his wisdom was as remarkable as his courage. Speaking of the rebellion of 1914 he said: "Was not the rebellion of 1914 quite understandable? We understood it and treated the rebels with leniency."

General Smuts, however, would modestly disclaim any praise of himself as an ideal leader during those years and the years in which he fought the Germans in East Africa. He had "hungry, angry eyes," Mrs. Millin declares, till, at the age

of 50, he came to Paris during the peace negotiations. General Smuts would agree with her:

"The misery after the Boer War was nothing to it," he says. "It was a break in one's own life, but not in the whole world. Paris showed me the crack in life itself. It changed me. I am a softer man than I used to be. Whether for better or for worse, I don't know. I was hard as a young man—hard and confident and successful."

It is the softer, more human post-war Smuts that a large part of the civilised world has come to trust and honour—the patriot who believes that "civilisation is one body, and we are all members one of another." It is true that Mrs. Millin, in her brilliant and scrupulously faithful narrative, claims that he was always "a natural negotiator, a believer in conference." But it is only since the War that General Smuts has had an opportunity of applying his genius in this sphere to problems on the solution of which depend the safety and happiness of mankind. And to-day, when he addresses the world, it is as one of the wisest and most magnanimous of its fallible inhabitants.

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## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### Eire Takes Precautions

Dublin, Sept. 7. Although Eire is neutral, emergency defence measures have been rapidly inaugurated, including the calling out of certain reserves, black outs, air raid trenches and censorship of mails and telegrams. The Government has announced that from now Irish ships must obtain licence before sailing. Diving and trenching is being carried out in Mount Joy Square. Black-outs have so far been less rigid than in Britain, but they will now be complete. Officers in the general reserve, and non-commissioned officers as well as certain officers and men of the volunteer force, have been called up. —United Press.

### War Situation

## PREMIER TELLS THE COMMONS Tribute To Poles

London, Sept. 7. Making his promised statement in the House of Commons on the progress of the war, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said: "The House will realise it is only possible to give a general indication of the present situation and the state of our defence, as there are necessarily a number of points to which, in the public interest, it is impossible to refer. "In the East the Poles are fighting hard against a strong and ruthless enemy who is relying on his weight of numbers and material to crush all opposition. The Polish soldier has ever shown himself to be a courageous and determined fighter and today he is worthily maintaining this tradition. "Against overwhelming superiority in the air and outnumbered and outgunned, he is contesting every yard of the German advance. "The Germans have often stressed the need for a short war and a quick decision. In pursuance of this idea the German plan appears to be to concentrate their main effort against Poland, and as the House is aware, that country was invaded just over a week ago without formal declaration of war. "Morale Unaffected

"In spite of human and material losses which they have already suffered, the morale and courage of the Polish people remains unaffected. Financial assistance to Poland to enable her to replenish her resources has been given. "In the West, France has, like ourselves, mobilised her forces with complete efficiency and smoothness and is now in contact with the enemy on her frontier. Certain information has been published of what has taken place, but for obvious reasons no details can yet be disclosed. The outbreak of war found the same spirit of determination and solidarity among the French people as is evident here. "The understanding between the two countries is complete, and arrangements which have now been put into force for the co-operation in all their activities concerned with the prosecution of the war are working smoothly. "Home Defences

"In this country the defensive military dispositions of our army, which cover a very wide field, were made in good time owing to precautionary measures which it was decided to adopt during the period of tension. The maining of anti-aircraft and coast defences was efficiently carried out. Within a short time of calling out our units guns and searchlights were fully manned. Since a large number of anti-aircraft units were in camp and away from their home stations, this reflects great credit on their organisation. "Guarding vulnerable points has been taken over by the national defence companies, supplemented by personnel of the Territorial Army. The personnel reached their posts with the minimum of delay and under trying weather conditions. "Women's Work

"The mobilisation of the remainder of the army has been carried out with the greatest smoothness. The morale of all ranks is high, and in particular the spirit of the reservists recalled from civil life, some of whom have already this year been called for training, is excellent. "I should like to make special mention of the women of the Auxiliary Territorial Services, who are performing many tasks under arduous conditions, and thereby relieving soldiers for fighting duties. "Turning to the naval side the important feature up to the present has been the development of the German U-boat attacks on our shipping. The sinking of the Athenia with its scenes of death and terror virtually opened the war and no denials or inventions on part of Germany will convince the public of German innocence of this crime, which profoundly shocked and horrified the world. —Reuter.

## POLES CONTEMPLATING STRONG COUNTER-ATTACK

### British Troops Are Landed In France

Hostilities on the Western Front have begun on a large scale, though no impressive engagements have been fought and it is announced that the positions of both armies having been prepared so long beforehand spectacular engagements are unlikely. The French have, however, penetrated German territory in the Saar area and report considerable artillery duels. British troops are reported to be "pouring into France", while the latter country confidently states that British aid during the early stages of the war is likely to be vastly greater than during 1914-15 owing to Britain's greater preparedness. Various quarters point out that the Poles have used good sense to withdraw from difficult positions which were never considered safe to try and hold, but that the German advance may not have been as fast as Germany anticipated and that resistance is by no means at an end in the East.

London, Sept. 7. The first week of the German campaign has ended in Poland with a pincer movement extended towards Warsaw. According to military opinion here resolute measures are needed at present in Warsaw, which is the focal point of Poland's rail and road communications, to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy. However, the Poles may be planning a counter-attack on the German left flank to relieve the threat, in view of reports that there is heavy fighting on the Plock-Ciechanow line, to which reinforcements have been rushed.

German troops are now obviously taking considerable interest in the importance of the Vistula as a barrier. The left flank of the German advance is now much exposed. The fate of Warsaw is believed to depend of whether the Poles still possess enough reserves to be able at the same time they are resisting the German pressure on the right flank in the Lodz sector, to counter-attack in the north. German troops are now obviously taking considerable interest in the importance of the Vistula as a barrier. The left flank of the German advance is now much exposed. The fate of Warsaw is believed to depend of whether the Poles still possess enough reserves to be able at the same time they are resisting the German pressure on the right flank in the Lodz sector, to counter-attack in the north.

### Tactics Foreseen

Experts said that the German advance where the line itself is favourable to a pincer movement towards Warsaw. It is believed that the Poles are wisely not engaging the bulk of their forces to defend that territory which it was never intended that they should hold against a mass attack, leaving available for a counter-attack to their reserves.

Nothing sensational is reported from the western front. At present it is reported that tactical conditions are wholly different to those prevailing in 1914, when troops manoeuvred in the open country and clashed within the first few hours of the war.

To-day the Siegfried Line and Maginot Line are prepared lines, permitting only localised contact between outposts, while the great armies are occupying previously prepared lines of considerable depth while the grand secret strategy develops.

The allied naval operations are proceeding in intensity, but with the greatest secrecy. They are sweeping German shipping from the seas. They have obviously begun a convoy system and enemy submarines are being attacked. —United Press.

### Times Follow Strategy

A glance at the map will show the folly of any attempt to hold the Polish frontiers against attack in force, declares The Times leader on the progress of the war. The German advances, therefore, have not been unexpected either in extent or speed, and may even in both respects have been inferior to German expectations.

The Polish skill and courage have made the enemy pay a considerable price, and it does seem that the Poles have wisely not engaged the bulk of their forces in defence of the territories which they never intended to hold against mass attacks. The public must therefore be prepared for further German advances which may even be considerable in the north, but there is no sign whatever on the Polish side of the depression which would follow a strategic defeat.

As for the actual conduct of operations, it will have been observed that Hitler has naturally broken his promise to confine air attacks to military objectives. The German Air Force has been ruthless and effectively used, not only on the battlefield but also against open towns. —Reuter.

### Streams Of Evacuees

Warsaw, Sept. 7. Most of the population of Warsaw has evacuated, but there are streams of refugees entering the capital from Lodz, 70 miles south-west of Warsaw. —Reuter Bulletin.

### Corridor Eliminated

Berlin, Sept. 7. The Germans claim that Danzig and East Prussia are no longer separated by a corridor. Hitler is reported to be visiting this section of the front. —Reuter Bulletin.

### Poles Surrender

Berlin, Sept. 7. The Berlin War Ministry announces that the Polish garrison at Westerplatte, in Danzig, surrendered at 10.20 a.m. A tribute is paid to the courage. —United Press. This garrison was holding a Polish

### Unrest Grows In Reich

Brussels, Sept. 7. The newspaper Siede, quoting an Italian broadcast, reports anti-war demonstrations in Berlin, Prague and Vienna. These were brutally dispersed by the Gestapo. The Journal Libre de Belgique reports disorders in Cologne, Dusseldorf, Essen, Bonn and Pilsen, where the great Skoda armament works are situated. Strong detachments of Black Guards have been sent to Dresden and Leipzig and to Bohemia and Moravia. —Reuter.

## Big Neutral Bloc Americans Stand Firm On Action

Panama City, Sept. 7. The largest neutral bloc in the history of the world appeared to be in process of development after it was announced that the Pan-American meeting on September 21 will discuss the feasibility of making a common declaration in pursuance of the Lima declaration. The swift evolution of neutrality sentiment in the Western Hemisphere—except Canada—has been contracted from the previous war when the slow policies culminated in declarations of war by eight countries for France and German allies, while seven were permanently neutral. Argentina, Brazil and Chile—the ABC bloc—have already announced their neutrality. It is now widely learned that they are determined to remain neutral even if the United States enters the war. Similar declarations have been made in Mexico, Cuba, the United States and Uruguay, while Nicaragua and Colombia will make an announcement at the conference. —United Press.

carried out to enable the French troops to consolidate their advance. —Reuter Bulletin.

### France Is Efficient

Paris, Sept. 7. The following is the text of a war communiqué: Our advance elements progressing beyond the frontier in varying advances on diverse parts of the front, have everywhere met with resistance from automatic arms and campaign organizations. Aviation activity is proceeding in liaison with land action. The transport installations of all units are proceeding normally. Diverse units are in conformity with our traditions, are making an effort to facilitate as far as possible the normal life of the corps, whose morale is excellent. The supplying of arms is functioning in correct manner. —United Press.

### Moving Toward Saarbrücken

London, Sept. 7. In a broadcast by the B.B.C. it is stated that French troops led by tanks penetrated the western front and are passing towards Saarbrücken. Heavy fighting is going on in the Moselle region. —United Press.

### Action Along Big Sector

Paris, Sept. 7. Action along the entire frontier between the Rhine and Moselle is reported. —Reuter Bulletin.

## AMERICA WATCHING THE FAR EAST

Tokyo, Sept. 7. It is possible that the United States will "co-operate" with Japan in the Far East in the not distant future if Japan refrains from using violence in China and does not disturb peaceful conditions there, the New York Times declares, quoting informed observers in America. With Great Britain allegedly having her hands full in Europe, the United States is apparently the only Power able to guard the Western Hemisphere in the Orient.

The United States is also now more occupied with European affairs than with Far Eastern questions, according to the report. What attention she does devote to conditions in China is evoked mainly by the fear that Japan might aggravate her policy in China in view of the European war.

Japanese policies will have far-reaching effects on the course of events in Europe and in consideration of these circumstances the United States is now viewing Japan's attitude with cautious eyes, the Asahi correspondent says. —Domei.

### America Is Watching

Washington, Sept. 7. Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, told the Press that the United States was paying full attention to developments in the Far East, such as the Japanese request to the British and French to withdraw their armed forces from China. He said that America would continue to study the situation closely in reply to question as to whether the United States Far Eastern policy might change should the British and French comply with the Japanese request. Informed circles think that the United States' actions at present are more significant than words. It is pointed out that the fleet continues to be stationed in the Pacific, while larger forces have been sent to Manila. It is thought here that Far Eastern policies will not be changed, because the United States is traditionally considered to have more direct and special interests there, and hence she is more likely to be involved in hostilities if policies are modified than if she changed her European policy. Japan's Reasonable Tone

It is pointed out that the tone of Japan's request to Britain and France is not bellicose and could not be termed as a formal demand, for which reason it is thought that it appeared to be more the placing of a Japanese desire on record, to be referred to in future negotiations. Mr. Cordell Hull said that he had received no information regarding the British and French reaction, but he thought that the British and French residents and naval and military authorities in the Far East would bitterly oppose the demand, while New Zealand and Australia's influence was likely to be opposed also. Other Far Eastern observers think that Japan's policy is likely to be more cautious, particularly as there are large profits to be attained by maintenance of neutrality, which would depend on normal trade relations with the United States. —United Press.

## Japan And The European Conflict

Shanghai, Sept. 7. Mr. Yoshiaki Miura, the Japanese Consul-General yesterday visited the British, French and German Consuls-General in Shanghai and communicated the Japanese Government's decision not to intervene in the European war. A Japanese Navy spokesman revealed that, in accordance with the Japanese Government's decision which was communicated to the foreign Ambassadors concerned on Tuesday, Rear-Admiral Kusoku, representing Vice-Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet in China Waters, called on the British and French Naval Commanders in Shanghai yesterday and asked them to comply with the Japanese advice. The spokesman pointed out that the Japanese decisions were made with a view to avoiding untoward incidents in China in connection with the European war, while Japan would remain neutral and pursue her established policy in China. —Domei.

### Cultural Activities

Tokyo, Sept. 7. Acting in line with the Government's decision not to intervene in the European war, various international cultural institutions in Japan, including the Society for International Cultural Relations, have decided to continue their activities irrespective of the European war. Following the outbreak of the war in Europe, these bodies were understood to have suspended activity temporarily. Encouraged by the Government's decision to remain neutral, however, the Society for International Cultural Relations and other organizations will continue to maintain contact with Britain, France, Italy, Germany and other countries abroad. —Domei.

### Currency Problems

Tokyo, Sept. 7. There are still no sufficient indications that the Ministry of Finance is planning to modify the linking of the Japanese currency with sterling despite the outbreak of the European war, the Asahi Shimbun points out. Recent fall in the Anglo-American rate has considerably affected the Yen against the U.S. dollar. It is understood that the authorities were contemplating the possibility of switching the Yen link from sterling to the U.S. dollar in the event of serious fluctuations in the Anglo-American cross-rate. The British Government has announced that the Anglo-American cross-rate will be maintained at U.S.\$4.02, and as a result the Yen-Dollar rate has been forced down to 23 1/2 U.S. cents per yen. The change in the Yen-Dollar rate has raised the prices of raw silk and other Japanese exports to America. With the prices of imports from America also advancing, Japan's living costs are showing signs of increase. Unless the Anglo-American cross-rate is changed, however, the new level in the Yen-Dollar exchange rate will be in effect, remain unchanged. Interested circles are studying the problem of whether the present Yen-Dollar rate is suitable for the economic conditions in Japan. —Domei.

### Attitude Of The Navy

Tokyo, Sept. 7. For the sake of a speedy settlement of the China Affair, the Japanese Navy does not want the European war to spread to the Far East, Rear-Admiral Masao Kanasawa, Chief of the Publicity Bureau of the Navy Ministry, declared at the Press Conference this morning. Admiral Kanasawa said no changes have taken place in the policy of the Japanese Navy, which has been on the war footing since the outbreak of the China Affair. Questioned regarding the rumours that Japanese interests were negotiating for the purchase of German steamers staying in Japan, the Navy spokesman pointed out that they were mere rumours and the Navy had nothing to do with them. Concluding, the Japanese Navy spokesman added that the Japanese Navy's policy was calculated not to intervene in the European war and that its uppermost concern was the successful completion of the China Affair. —Domei.

### Report Is Denied

Shanghai, Sept. 7. The British Embassy has denied the report appearing in The Japan Times that the British land and naval forces in Japanese occupied China areas are leaving immediately for Hongkong and Singapore, respectively. A British spokesman said that they had not received any such orders for evacuation from the Government, and that it was highly improbable that the British troops and ships would leave soon. He said that Japan's request for evacuation was made on Tuesday and communicated to the Home Government. However, London had not yet replied or given any orders in this connection. —United Press.

### Ambassador Told

London, Sept. 7. The Ministry of Information has announced that the British Ambassador in Tokyo has received a communication from the Japanese Government to the effect that Japan does not intend to become involved in the European war. The Japanese Government has requested that the British Government should refrain from taking any measures such as might prejudice Japan's position with regard to the China affair. —United Press.



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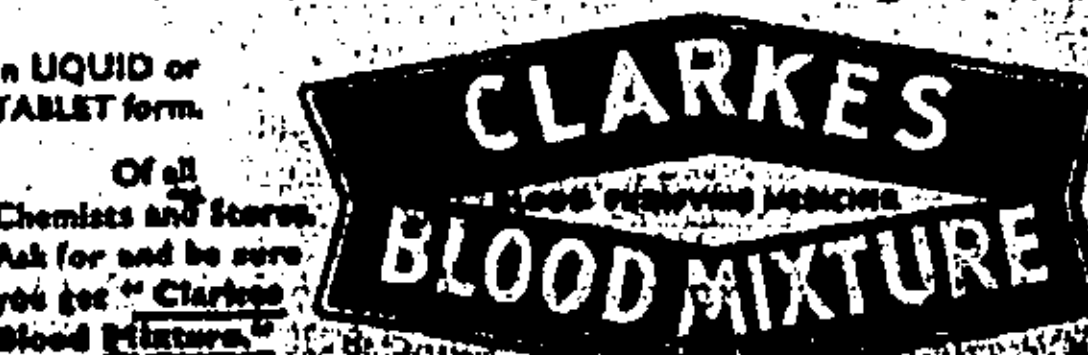
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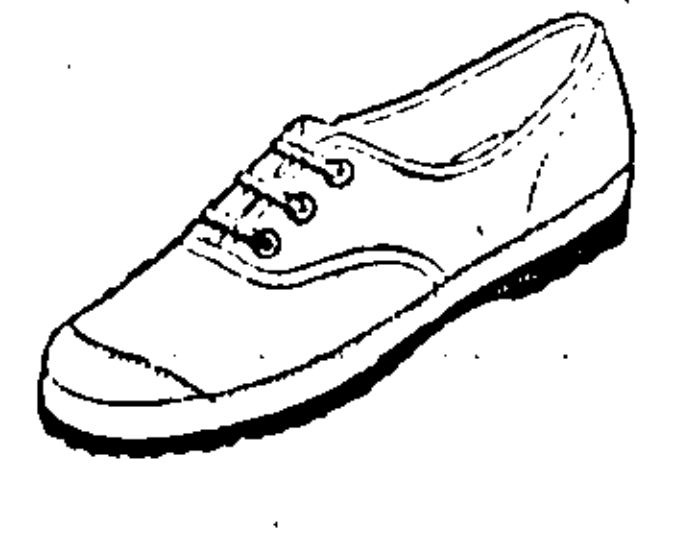
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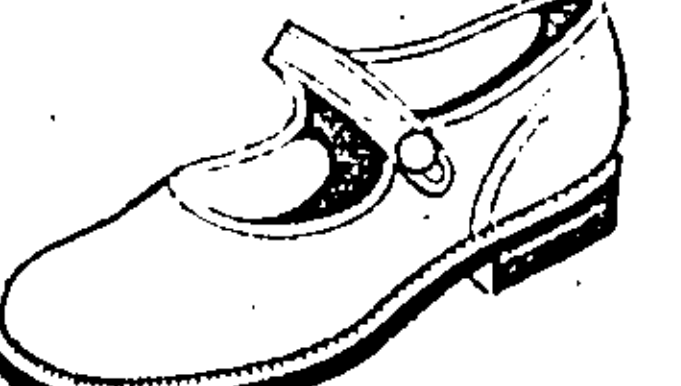
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(By "Captain Foster")

At the Hongkong Jockey Club stables last week the drawing of the Australian subscription ponies to be raced in 1940 was held before a large crowd of owners and followers of the turf, the numbers from the drum being picked out by Lady MacGregor and Mrs. A. E. Grasett.

A list of the draw is appended below:

Pony No.	Owner	Colour	Site
1	Monetoy	Brown M.	Caravis
2	Necandria	Brown	Cistercian
3	L. C. L.	Ches. M.	Graculus
4	Marber J.	Ches. M.	Stare
5	Mrs. Pearce	Bay	Carma Younger
6	Dr. Lee Shiu-kee	Bay M.	Little Toy
7	H. Y. Liang	Bay M.	Canterbury King
8	Eda Tong-son	Bay M.	Lynnregis
9	Li and Edgar	Ches. M.	Powers Court
10	Gredka	Bay M.	Brewan
11	Vilaja	Bay M.	Sum King
12	Crystal	Brown M.	Kingspear
13	Elan-dee	Ches. M.	Double Court
14	Winnier	Ches.	Dinarth Jim
15	Lan	Bay M.	Farr
16	H. W.	Bay M.	Barleyspear
17	C. W. K.	Bay M.	Graculus
18	L. Reidy	Bay	Chocolate
19	Wayfoong	Ches. M.	Double Court
20	G. Tinsan	Brown M.	Sum King
21	Chau Bros.	Bay M.	Polycaste
22	O. K.	Bay M.	Wedge
23	Kwong Hing-wang	Ches. M.	Midnight Frolic
24	J. F. Macgregor	Ches. M.	Monash Valley
25	Dynasty	Ches. M.	Hoburns
26	Quartermaster	Ches. M.	Monash Valley
27	Li Bros.	Bay M.	Grand Alliance
28	Huo	Bay	Spearfoot
29	John Peel	Bay	Modest Morn
30	D. L.	Brown M.	Tresco
31	Andrew Johnstone	Ches. M.	Black Adder
32	S. W. Chan	Brown	Check
33	Weetoo	Bay	Sum King
34	H. Y. Chuong	Bay M.	Brewan
35	Mrs. Eu Tong-son	Bay	Caravis
36	Choice	Brown M.	Caravis
37	Marber	Ches.	Caravis
38	Y. L. Y.	Bay	Caravis
39	Mr. and Mrs. Stanton	Bay M.	Comus
40	Tennis	Bay M.	Chrysolaeus
41	S. L. K.	Bay M.	Caravis
42	L. W. S.	Ches. M.	Prince Clare
43	L. W. S.	Ches. M.	Philensia
44	Li Po-chun	Bay	Third King
45	Yam Man	Bay	Magnesia
46	Lucky	Ches. M.	Excitement
47	S. T. Williamson	Bay M.	Barleyspear
48	Mr. H. Y. Chuong	Brown M.	Lorain
49	Dr. S. N. Chau	Brown M.	Civilian
50	Ash	Brown M.	Civilian
51	Y. H.	Brown M.	Magnesia
52	Li Shiu-hang	Bay M.	Seabound
53	Shields and Stanton	Ches.	Paclet
54	Mrs. A. E. Grasett	Ches.	Farr
55	E. S. K.	Ches. M.	George Graves
56	S. W. Lee	Ches. M.	Double Court
57	Lee Bros.	Brown	Graculus
58	L. Dunbar	Ches. M.	Double Court
59	S. M. K.	Bay M.	Double Court
60	S. H. Jensen	Bay M.	Comanche
61	Cheon	Ches. M.	Balmorino

**THREE REJECTED**  
It has always been the custom for the suppliers to ship along a few extra colts and it may be of interest to know that only three out of the consignment of 64 ponies were rejected by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club. It was the biggest batch of Australian ponies imported since its introduction; in fact three times more than the first trial consignment of 20 animals landed here for the 1937 Annual Carnival. It will be recalled that the Stewards limited this year's order to sixty ponies, but the actual amount subscribed for by the members was just one over 80.

At one time some Chinese owners were not in favour of these animals from the Antipodes owing to the difficulty of breaking them. There was also some prejudice in another section that the ponies could not stand much racing. To cut the long story short, the tide has now turned in favour of the Australian colts and they certainly provide better racing. It is enumerated below a list showing the number of subscription griffins imported since 1931:

Year	Number of ponies drawn
1931	20
1932	22
1933	24
1934	26
1935	28
1936	30
1937	32
1938	34
1939	36
1940	38

### INCREASED NUMBER

Rooty-Hill Derby was first run in 1932, but if the classic event had been introduced a year earlier, Woodland Stag would have annexed the Blue Riband without any opposition. However the above list shows that the importation of Australian ponies was quite steady from 1936 to 1938 averaging 40 odd per year, but the barometer suddenly jumped up to 55 ponies this season and it looks that there is not much of a chance for the mercury to be much higher than 60 on account of the limitation by the Stewards. Owing to the size of our track I am of the opinion that 60 ponies are beyond the limit and I shall not be surprised to see that the Sydney Maiden Stakes being divided into three sections.

This bunch of ponies, which will be seen in action at the 1940 Annual Meeting, has cost each owner an additional \$100 and the advance over last season's price was for an improved type of animals. The increase was certainly justified; in fact the consignment was far above

those of previous seasons, and there are 45 mares against 16 geldings. In perusing the list of sires I was glad to find that the chestnut pony No. 13 was drawn by Messrs. Shields and Stanton, was by Paclet, who is the father of Strathroy. A full history of Mr. J. F. Macgregor's charge is not necessary here, but his pony collected to date \$12,350. The joint drawers of No. 55 should be pleased with their make.

### LIKELY ONES

There are five offsprings by Double Court and all are mares (four chestnuts and one bay). No. 13 was drawn by Ellandee, No. 19 by the Wayfoong, No. 59 by S. W. Lee, No. 61 by L. Dunbar and No. 62 bay mare by S. M. Kong. They are lovely animals, the youngest being No. 61, a three year old, drawn by Mr. L. Dunbar. Double Court is well known among the racing fraternity, for all his offsprings have performed exceptionally well at Happy Valley, and the best four were Derby Day (won \$5,750), Canterbury (won \$4,650), Double Finesse (\$5,000) and Courtling Eve (\$4,883). In 1935 St. Kitts did not face the start, but in 1937 Such Fun collected \$300 and Bravado made \$150. The last two were geldings and therefore all the big wins were by the mares. I am sure the five new mares will be prominent at the big meeting. The sire of Cockleroi (\$1,950) is Brewan, who sired No. 10 bay mare drawn by Gredka and No. 34 bay mare owned by H. Y. Chuong. No. 29 belonging to John Peel was Modest Morn, who sired victory Day (\$1,050) and the form book shows that the pony was very good over short distances. By Tresco, Little Vic (1934) was a bay mare for unsent Chinese riding boys and jockeys, but her sister, Southern Cross (1935) annexed a couple of races, closing the season with a credit of \$1,200. The stable D.L. has drawn pony No. 40 by Tresco and the young brown mare is not a bad mover. Mrs. Pearce has drawn a bay gelding No. 5 by Carma Younger who was the sire of Buck and Gamma of the 1934 class and Canterbury Girl of the 1936 lot. The latter started twice, but the other two never came under the starter's orders.

### UNSUCCESSFUL Sires

There are a few more sires known to the racing fans, but the offsprings were never in the limelight. Fairy (1935) by Graculus, Mount Platius (1935) by Black Adder and Broadway Bill (1936) by Seabound retired without being able to earn a



M. W. MacGrath  
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## RUGGERITE LEAVING COLONY

### M. W. MacGrath Goes To Bermuda

Local rugby circles will regret to learn that M. W. MacGrath, the Club full-back, has been transferred to Bermuda and will be leaving the Colony by the President Pierce tomorrow.

Since he came to Hongkong from Singapore two years ago, MacGrath has been turning out regularly for the Hongkong F.C. 1st XV, first as a three-quarter and later as full back. A most versatile player, he has also filled the fly-half position when the occasion arose.

During his two-year stay in Hongkong, MacGrath has held the post of Assistant Armament Supply Officer at H. M. Dockyard. A cable arrived a few days ago notifying him of his transfer to Bermuda.

MacGrath's cheery nature has earned him many friends in Hongkong and they will all wish him and Mrs. MacGrath the best of luck in their new sphere of activities.

## INDIAN CRICKET "FIND"

### Claims Of Fast Bowler

London. Yet another candidate for All-India cricket honours is about to leave for India—Devraj Puri, the Punjab fast bowler, who has spent the past three years in England. He is a son of Mr. B. R. Puri, a widely known Lahore barrister.

Puri came into prominence in India as fast bowler when he was at Government College, Lahore, and captained the Punjab University XI in the winter of 1935-36. Even prior to that date, however, he played against the M.C.C. during their 1934-35 tour of India. When the late Maharaja of Patiala brought an Australian XI to India in 1935-36, Puri appeared against Ryder and his men with moderate success in two matches, including one of the unofficial Tests.

Arriving in England in the following summer, Puri quickly jumped into prominence in London club cricket circles as a member of the strongest side ever fielded by the Indian Gymkhana. His possibilities were clearly foreseen, and he had the good sense to correct a faulty and prodigiously long run to the wicket. Cutting it down to 12 or 14 paces, and curing himself of a midway interruption which used to detract from his speed, Puri succeeded in maintaining his great pace (which definitely admitted him into the category of "fast bowler") and in increasing his accuracy.

cent to pay for their hay and corn. True Blue, Helium and Schmelterling were sired by Polycaste and the last named pony managed to collect only \$100. It is, however, hoped that the 1940 new lot of maiden mares and geldings by the above sires will turn out to be good 'uns. Caravis, who is a sire unknown to us, is well represented by ponies Nos. 1, 35, 37, 38 and 42 and they are a nice bunch. The No. 23 by Midnight Frolic is a good trotter and when she puts on a few pounds more of flesh and fat, the mare will be another animal. Personally I like Nos. 36 and 50, both sired by Lorain and the two brown mares have the making of first class racers. All the ponies are at present lacking in substance and strength and in the circumstance it is pretty hard to say who has the best flower of the flock.

It is interesting to relate that there is not a single progeny in 1940's bunch by Tom McNirly, who sired Lucky Lad, Chiltern and Candlelight.

## VISIT OF INDO-CHINA SOCCER XI POSTPONED

(By "Abe")

Hongkong football enthusiasts may not be able to have the pleasure of seeing the combined Haiphong-Hanoi soccer team in action after all. The team, which was due to arrive in the Colony yesterday, did not do so.

Only the manager of the team, Mr. Sammy Tsang, arrived by the s.s. Canton and he explained to officials of the Eastern Athletic Association, sponsors of the visit, that the present international situation had caused some doubts in Indo-China as to the advisability of sending a team to the Colony at the moment.

He has been sent here by the Indo-China soccer authorities to discuss matters with the Eastern officials. Up to now it is not yet decided whether to call off the whole visit or merely postpone it. An official of the Eastern Athletic Association told me this morning that a cable had already been sent to Indo-China, and pending a reply he could not say definitely one way or the other.

**MAY COME NEXT WEEK**  
But the Eastern A. A. are trying to persuade Indo-China to send a team here next week.

Mr. Sammy Tsang is the former Eastern post-keeper; he is now working in Indo-China. He played in several representative matches while in Hongkong a couple of seasons ago and is partly responsible for arranging the tour.

Three matches had been arranged for the visiting team in the Colony, first against Eastern, second against the Chinese Federation and the third against the Rest of the Colony.

## Bowls Teams For Saturday

The following will represent the Civil Services C.C. in the Lawn Bowls League (First Division) against the Kowloon C.C. at Happy Valley tomorrow:

E. W. Simmonds, J. Deakin, A. W. Grimmit and F. Jones (skip); S. Eccleshall, W. J. Burling, L. A. Collyer and H. Strange (skip); R. R. Davis, R. H. Wood, M. N. Rakusen and J. Hollidge (skip).

### INDIAN TEAM

The following will represent the Indian R.C. in their away match against the Club de Recreio "A" at 3.30 p.m.:

D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adil and A. B. Dallah (skip); J. Hosen, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (skip); A. H. Rumjahn, A. Baker, A. O. Madar and M. R. Abbas (skip).

## H. COTTON ON GOLF RULES

Henry Cotton, winner of the Open Golf Championship in 1934 and 1937, writes in *News of the World*, "Rules of golf receive strange interpretations sometimes. I read that Miss Pam Barton stood up in front of the discs when qualifying for the American women's championship. She was penalized one stroke. I thought the penalty was disqualification. She is not alone in this offence, however. Several times in big events this year I thought that my partners drove off in front of the discs and might have exposed them. But as it means such a little advantage and is a difficult thing to prove unless the tee peg remains in the ground, it is best not to see these things. Besides, the risk of beginning an argument would probably be almost more upsetting to oneself than to the culprit. I know that it is against the rules of the game, but although I might win an event by proving that a fellow competitor had teed up about three inches outside the line between the discs, I should hesitate to claim. I should prefer somebody else to do this type of 'dirty work'."

Actually many players are just

**Election of Officers**  
The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted: President, Mr. A. A. Dand; Vice-President, Mr. A. W. Hook; R.A. Rev. J. R. Higgs; and Commander Milner-Barry, R.N.; Honorary Secretary, Mr. D. T. Smith; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. A. M. Xavier; Civilian Council representatives, Messrs. G. E. R. Dwyer, A. E. F. Guest, J. Goncalves, and Mr. L. Tyler. The Army and Navy players have to elect their own representatives. The Report, which was unanimously adopted, closed with thanks to people, organisations, and clubs for help they had given in placing equipment, grounds, and furniture at the disposal of the Association. The financial statement disclosed an excess of income over expenditure of \$31.87, which was appropriated as follows: Reserve against bad and doubtful debts account, \$5; Interfund fund account, \$23.21; carried forward, \$3.66.

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### STREET OBSTRUCTION

#### European Motorists Fined For Bad Parking

A fine of \$5 was imposed on G. Merriman, of the Import and Export Department, by Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy yesterday for causing an obstruction with his car in Queen's Road Central on August 25. Merriman said his car broke down, and, though he telephoned a repair station, nobody arrived until late.

Summoned for a similar offence, L. Well, of Pokfulam, was fined \$5. Well left his car parked almost in the centre of Pottinger Street, leaving only enough room for a small car to pass.

B. Shick, of the Hongkong Hotel, was fined \$5 for leaving his car in the Pedder Street park for over two hours on August 24. Mrs. Johnstone, of May Road, was fined \$5 for allowing her car to remain stationary outside the Hongkong Hotel for longer than necessary on August 25.

### INDIAN GUARD DISCHARGED

Kartar Singh, 20, special guard, was discharged by Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of malicious damage to a car in Wanchai Road on September 5.

The driver, Ng Kwan, said he saw Kartar poke the hood with his stick and kick the mudguard, while the car was parked outside the Nanyang Tobacco Factory. He said he saw Singh kick the car.

### BROADCASTING HOURS

Monthly Transmissions By ZBW and ZEK

The August report of ZBW and ZEK shows that actual hours of transmission were 451, of which 231 were devoted to European programmes and 220 to Chinese programmes, as follows:

**ZBW (European)**  
Morning transmission, including church relays, 77 1/2; evening transmission, 153 1/2.

Apart from recorded programmes, the following items were broadcast: Studio concerts, 11; studio talks, 2; tongue twister bee, 1; relays (including church services), 15; Daventry relays (including news and cricket relays), 123; Sunday evening epilogues, 4; children's concert, 5.

**ZEK (Chinese)**  
Morning transmission, including church relays, 65; evening transmission, 155.

Apart from record programmes the following items were broadcast: studio concerts, 32; theatre relays, 3; studio talks (including Mandarin lessons), 20; and children's concerts, 9.

New licences issued were 280 and renewals 385, making a total of 9,735 licences issued during 1939.

### SNATCHER'S VIOLENCE

European Woman Attacked In Kowloon Tong

While on her way to visit her daughter in Waterloo Road on August 21, Mrs. Emily Wood, of Em-bankment Road, was attacked by a man, who slapped her face and snatched her handbag. As a result, Chan Hoi, 28, was committed for trial by Mr. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of robbery with violence.

Det. Sgt. Donovan said Mrs. Wood and her daughter, Leila, were in Waterloo Road, near Rutland Quadrant, when Chan attacked Mrs. Wood. He slapped her face and snatched her handbag, containing \$78.00, a gold watch valued at \$200, and a fountain pen. Chan was arrested by Lau Hing-yu, cook.

On her way to the police station, Mrs. Wood noticed pepper on her face. When Chan was searched, a packet of pepper was found.

Miss Leila Wood said she was about two yards behind her mother. She identified Chan as the attacker.

### PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society held a social gathering yesterday evening at St. John's Hall, Garden Road, in order to meet the hon. Musical Director, Mr. W. Robertson, and Surg. Capt. G. V. Hobbs. The opportunity was also taken to discuss the forthcoming production of "No, No, Nanette."



Daniel Nee, 30, victim of one of the battles in strike-torn Harlan, Ky., coal fields, kisses wife in hospital. He died later of bullet wound in abdomen, second fatality of the recent series of riots.

## LATE NEWS

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## Germany Responds To French Saarland Threat HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO WESTERN FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—Heavy German reinforcements are now apparently being rushed up to the threatened Saar region.

Communique No. 8, issued at 9.12 p.m. (4.12 a.m. H.K.T.) states that the German lines have been reinforced on the front between the Rhine and the Moselle Rivers.

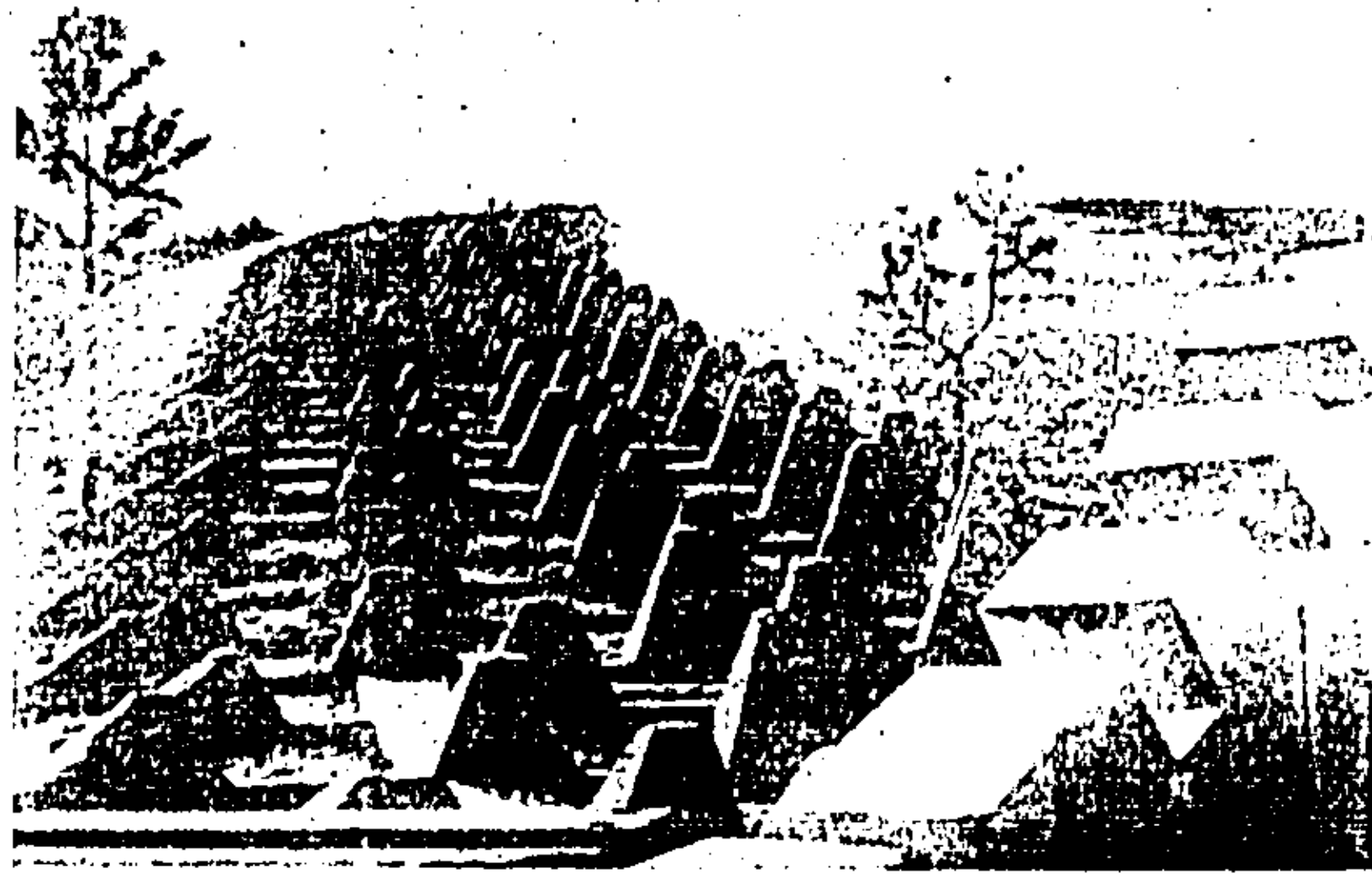
**BROUGHT UP FROM INTERIOR**

The communique adds: "The arrival of new forces from the interior of Germany has been signalled to our forces."

Heavy reinforcements have been seen arriving along the entire line of the Moselle front.

The Moselle, which runs through Alsace-Lorraine, the two French provinces wrested from Germany in 1918, enters Germany at Luxembourg's southernmost frontier.

According to yesterday's reports, fighting is heaviest in the Saar region, with Saarbrücken, the capital, apparently the French objective.



Some of the teeth of Germany's Siegfried Line in Saarland. Anti-tank barricades stretching along the Franco-German frontier from Switzerland to Aachen, and which French artillery is now pounding vigorously.

### HUNTING THE U-BOATS

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—A British communique states that there are no major naval operations to report. Attacks on German submarines continue. At least in one case success appears probable.

German submarine attacks on shipping are taking place in various localities. The losses reported are the steamers Bosnia and Royal Sceptre. The Corinthian was attacked but escaped undamaged and has reached port. It is reported that 26 German merchantmen, totalling 119,000 tons, have taken refuge in Vigo.

#### Cracow Captured

Berlin, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—General von Brauchitsch, the German Commander-in-Chief, has proclaimed the capture of Cracow. The proclamation states that the Polish army has been broken and the Corridor no longer separates East Prussia and Danzig from Germany.

#### Polish Troops Bombed

WARSAW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Polish general staff, in a communique, says that German aeroplanes are bombing Polish troops. There were several raids on Warsaw. Fifteen German planes were brought down yesterday and 20 today. The Poles lost six planes. Fighting is proceeding at Lodz, Piotrkow, Tomaszow to the west of Tarnow, and in the north of Torun, Sierp and Clonsk, where the enemy have been held.

#### More Men Called Up

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—At noon today, the Agency Radio at Zurich reported a dispatch from the "Basler Nachrichten" at Riga, saying that the Poles have mobilized six additional classes of officers and non-commissioned officers, regardless of age. The Poles have announced the formation of two Czechoslovak Legions.

The newspaper also reports that women and children hurried hand grenades at the German forces at Ravitch in southern Poznan. The press published a dispatch appearing in the Zurich "Neuezeitliche Zeitung" reporting from Berlin: "Western German frontier cities have been or are being evacuated."

#### Hitler Bans Reports

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—From Brussels comes the news that the German papers are not printing anything about the fighting on the Western Front.

They carry jubilant reports, however, of the progress made in Poland.

#### French Enthusiasm

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—Paris and Lille experienced another 30 minutes air raid alarm this morning. No bombs were dropped. The news of the British and French military activities and the arrival of the British Expeditionary Forces, together with the French penetration into the Saar basin, has brought great public enthusiasm in the French capital.

The British Government has offered its services as a fighting force for the Spanish Government in Spain. PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

## CANADA AT WAR

### Empire Rallies To The Motherland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Governor-General, Baron Tweedsmuir, told Parliament today that a state of war exists.

His speech did not contain any formal declaration.

#### Canadian Decision

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Governor-General of Canada, Lord Tweedsmuir, in a speech from the Throne when Parliament met yesterday, said that his Ministers were convinced that Canada and its people would unite in a national effort to defend to their utmost the liberties which were threatened.

Britain was honouring her pledges, and was now at war with Germany. Parliament would have to consider measures for the defence of Canada, and methods of co-operating in the effort against aggression and force.

The militia, naval and air forces were already on active service and other steps had been taken to defend Canada's coasts and her internal security.

Parliament would have to consider proposals put before it without delay in action, including an estimate covering the expenses arising out of, or which might arise out of, war.

In this grave hour—there have been few, if any, more critical in the history of the world—the people of Canada are facing the crisis with the same fortitude as that of the people of the United Kingdom and the rest of the Commonwealth.

#### Egypt Severs Relations

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Ministry of Information has announced that the British Government has been officially informed that the Egyptian Government has decided to sever diplomatic relations with Germany.

#### Iraq Joins In

BAGHDAD, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Iraq has decided to sever relations with Germany. It is learned in London that Iraq has informed the German Minister that he must leave the country within 24 hours, and the Iraq representative in Berlin has been instructed to ask for his passport.

A number of Germans in Iraq, connected with the military or otherwise, who are regarded as dangerous, have been interned.

#### Princes Pledge Services

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—To date 83 Indian princes have sent messages of loyalty to the King-Emperor.

#### Offer To Canada

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Mackenzie Battalion, which fought for the Spanish Government in Spain, has offered its services as a fighting force for the Spanish Government in Spain. PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

## NEWS FLASHES

### Yugo-Slavia Mobilising

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The War Office reports that Yugo-Slavia has decided on general mobilisation.

The War Minister has been empowered to put the decision into effect by stages.

The Yugo-Slav army is increasing daily, and is approaching half a million in strength.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Parliament today adjourned until September 13.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (UP).—The liner Manhattan arrived here today, carrying a record number of passengers totalling 1,573.

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—All British subjects over 15 years of age must report to the nearest police station within 24 hours, according to a decree issued by the Minister of the Interior, Herr Frick.

The order applies to nationals of Britain, Northern Ireland, the British colonies, protectorates and mandated territories, and India.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Canadian Government has instructed the Canadian High Commissioner in London to provide financial assistance to the Canadian survivors of the Athenia tragedy.

Mr. John Kennedy, second son of the American Ambassador, has arrived at Glasgow to take care of the American survivors.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—After conferring with Turkish leaders for a fortnight, the Turkish Ambassador to London has left Istanbul for England.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Discussions between the Secretary for the Colonies and the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia on the Rhodesia-Nyasaland Commission have been suspended owing to the war. They will be resumed when circumstances permit.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—A Danish fishing boat was blown up in a minefield near Esbjerg, says a message from Copenhagen. All four members of the crew perished.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—United States liners arriving in Britain yesterday carried large American flags painted on the decks and on both sides of the ships. At night they fly floodlight flags and travel with all lights blazing.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—For the time being prices in Australia. PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

## Danzig "Alcazar" Stormed

### Gallant Defenders Finally Surrender

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

RIGA, Sept. 7 (UP).—Word from Berlin says that Poland has lost her "Battle of the Alcazar."

Mr. George Kidd, Staff Correspondent of the "United Press", says: "For four days in Danzig I watched the battle—the attempt of a handful of Poles at Westerplatte, a fortress on a spit of land near Danzig, to repel German air, sea and land attacks."

"Almost every war produces some isolated act of heroism such as this. They said, at Westerplatte, that some cavalry and medieval warfare had returned in the midst of modern mechanised warfare."

#### German Tribute

"The German attackers gave tribute to the defenders for their valour when they surrendered. The outbreak of the war found between 70 and 200 men at Westerplatte, strongly behind modern fortifications."

"Machine guns had been shrewdly placed. The defenders were well equipped with food and ammunition. It was there that the first shot of the war was fired, when the Schleswig-Holstein steamed into position on Friday and used her heaviest gun batteries, which battered the Poles with big shells throughout the day."

"However, Polish machine-gun fire completely shattered two German attempts to storm the stronghold."

#### 50 Bombs Dropped

"On Saturday, 22 bombers dropped at least 50 bombs on the fortress but the infantry were unable to storm it until today."

"Berlin advisers said the Germans occupied the fortress when the surviving Poles surrendered."

"The activity of the fighter and coastal command, if less conspicuous, has been no less intense. From the early stages of the emergency, all squadrons of the fighters command have been at their war stations, and in a state of instant readiness. The coastal commands have also been engaged in extensive reconnaissance over surrounding areas in order to locate and destroy enemy submarines."

"The enforcement of the black-out is proceeding satisfactorily. With the help of air force reconnaissance every night, it had been possible to discover lights irregularly showing and action was at once taken to deal with the offenders."

#### Home Defence

"I must now say something about the organisation of the home defence services which are rapidly being completed. The regional organisation is functioning well, there is still some shortage of whole-time personnel, but this is chiefly to be found in the country districts. The enforcement of the black-out is proceeding satisfactorily. With the help of air force reconnaissance every night, it had been possible to discover lights irregularly showing and action was at once taken to deal with the offenders."

"The Government decided last Thursday that plans for the evacuation, mainly in respect of school-children, young children and their mothers should be put into operation. The operation has now been substantially completed and has covered not only those towns for which plans had been worked out beforehand, but also a number of other vulnerable areas."

"So far approximately 1,745,000 children and mothers have been evacuated in the country as a whole. The process of assimilating this large increase in population in the receiving areas will take time. Schools are to be reopened in the receiving areas as quickly as possible, and both public authorities and voluntary effort will be busily occupied with measures for the welfare of the children and for the assistance of the parents."

"This is the cause for which we will fight till victory is won."

Sending Labour's fraternal greetings to Canada, Australia and Zealand, Mr. Greenwood said: "We, like you, are taking a stand as part of the united British Commonwealth in the grim struggle against the latest act of Nazi aggression. The common people of many lands have been hurried into a cruel conflict by Hitler in furtherance of his ambitious aim of domination and conquest."

He added that the common aim was the final end to violence in achieving national purposes, restoration of the rule of law and liberty of the people.

## France & Italy Confer

### Concessions To Rome Forecast

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 8 (Domei).—Negotiations for the maintenance of Italy's neutrality in the European war between M. Pierre Laval, former French Premier, and Signor Mussolini are making satisfactory progress in Rome, according to information reaching here.

The report claims that at the Rome conversations, M. Laval is making the following proposals as conditions for Italy's neutrality.

Firstly, the Italian nationals in Tunis be accorded full protection and satisfactory treatment. Secondly, maximum reductions, approximately amounting to 40 per cent, be made in the Suez Canal tolls for Italian vessels.

Thirdly, Djibouti, in French Somaliland be opened to Italy as an open port.

Fourthly, the French Government use its good offices for extending credits amounting to 20,000,000,000 francs to Italy by Britain.

Italy's Neutrality  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Sept. 8 (Domei).—Italy has definitely decided to remain neutral in the European war, according to the Rome correspondent of the "Asahi Shimbun".

The correspondent understands that this decision has been made in accordance with the secret provisions attached to the Italo-German Alliance. Included in the secret provisions are: Firstly, the Danzig issue should not be the cause of a war. Secondly, in case general conditions made war necessary, it should be carried out in 1941. At the time of the conclusion of the German-Soviet non-aggression pact, the Italian Government kept in touch with the negotiations, the correspondent claims. The Italian Government has decided to dissociate itself from the negotiations for conclusion of a German-Soviet military alliance which are at present in progress at Berlin.

Concluding, the correspondent says that it was still doubtful whether the Italian policy would be continued hereafter.

## Mr. Chamberlain Reviews the War

### Premier's Praise For The Royal Air Force

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Continuing his statement in the House of Commons, outlining the progress of the war to date, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, declared:

"Apart from the case of the Athenia, there have been attacks on other British merchant ships by German U-boats, and three or four ships have been sunk. On our side the Admiralty has taken immediate counter-measures. British destroyers and anti-submarine craft have been very active and large numbers of anti-submarine and escort vessels are rapidly becoming available."

"As Mr. Winston Churchill has already informed the House, steps are being taken to establish the convoy system at the earliest possible moment."

"This method of protection can obviously be only instituted after the outbreak of war, it takes time to bring it fully into operation, but the House can be satisfied that it is being applied with the utmost possible speed and vigour."

"Most of the ships which have been attacked hitherto are vessels which commenced their voyages before war had broken out, and naturally, for them, the full scope of our defensive organisation could not be immediately provided."

"While a certain proportion of weekly losses must be expected, and we must not minimise the threat to our shipping, I think the House and the country may rest assured that the navy, with all their war-time experience in handling this problem, and with the added advantage of the methods of submarine detection and destruction which have since been developed, will increasingly bring the problem under control."

"The Government would like to pay tribute to the very gallant attack made by units of the R.A.F. on certain German warships off Wilhelmshaven (cheers) during which at least two hits were scored on one of the so-called 'pocket' battleships."

"It has to be realised that the objectives attacked, namely the German fleet bases at Wilhelmshaven and at the entrance of the Kiel Canal, are probably the most strongly defended points in Germany, and the manner in which the R.A.F. attacks were pressed home despite the strength of the defences was worthy of highest praise."

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## GREETINGS BY LABOUR

### British Party's Message To Co-Democracies

LONDON, Sept. 7 (British Wireless).—Mr. Arthur Greenwood's message to Poland said: "British Labour forms part of a united and resolute British Commonwealth of free nations, who with France have entered the struggle to overthrow the evil tyranny of Hitler, and to put a final end to lawless aggression, methods of violence, and use of war."

To French socialists, stressing that he without liberty and peace without justice is a mockery Mr. Greenwood said: "Our people have a passionate hatred of war. But they also hate aggression, tyranny, and oppression which things the Nazi Government represents. The British peoples had no lust for domination, ambition of conquest, or any hatred of the German people, but are animated only by a resolute determination to overthrow the rule of force."

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# H.K. Stock Market

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## BANKS

H.K. Banks	\$1200 b.
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Chartered	100 b.
Mercantile, A. & B. L.	100 b.
Mercantile, C. & L.	100 b.
East Asia	72 n.

## INSURANCES

Cantons	200 n.
Union	330 b.
China Underwriters	112 n.
H.K. Fire	100 n.

## SHIPPING

Douglases	67 n.
Steamboats	12 n.
Indo-Chinas, P.S.	60 n.
Indo-Chinas, D.S.	30 n.
Shells (Bearers) s/-	100 1/2 n.
Waterboats	8.10 n.

## DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	100 n.
Docks	14.65 b.
Provident	4 sa.
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Kailan s/-	8 1/2 b.
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Y. Ferries	22 n.
China Lights (old)	7.30 n.
China Lights (new)	3 1/2 b. and sa.
H.K. Electric	50 s.
Macao Electric	11 n.
Sandakan	20 n.
Telephones (old)	7.60 n.
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### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Hennessy Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Rental	Upst. Price
1	Inland Lot No. 5581	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 4068, Hennessy Road.	N. S. E. W.	1,560	\$44	\$23,520
				As per sale plan.		

## G. R.

### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Rental	Upst. Price
3	Inland Lot No. 5582	Junction of King's Road & Wing King Street.	N. S. E. W.	1,560	\$114	\$18,510
				As per sale plan.		

## Vacation Goes Up in Flames

Greenwich, Conn.

Mrs. Hazelene Orr saved \$100 for a vacation trip and put it in a paper bag for safe-keeping. When it disappeared she called police. An investigation was in full swing when Mrs. Orr suddenly remembered where she had absent-mindedly tossed the bag into an incinerator with other rubbish and burned her savings.

## PREMIER'S PRAISE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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householders who so generously are providing homes for the mothers and children.  
Over 200,000 hospital beds are to-day ready for air raid casualties. Over 11,000 auxiliary nurses have joined the civil nursing reserve for service in the hospitals and first aid posts, but more of both trained nurses and auxiliaries are needed, especially women who can give whole-time service in any part of the country.  
The auxiliary fire service was mobilised quickly and the whole smoothly, and in the main the available fire-fighting units are being kept permanently manned and ready for action. In London, for instance, there are over 1,900 fire pumps ready for action against about 125 in peace time.

### Gaining Momentum

Concluding, Mr. Chamberlain said he hoped his statement would show the country that Britain's war effort was rapidly gaining momentum.  
"It has behind it the full weight of all the people of this country who are united in their conviction that no nation ever went to war in a higher cause."

"We are greatly heartened by the knowledge that in the struggle for the defence of liberty and free institutions, and for the preservation of all that makes life worth living, we can count on the support of the overseas members of the British Commonwealth."

"On their own free will and under no form of compulsion save the moral and compelling force of the right of nations, they have declared their intention of co-operating in a cause which is no less precious to them than it is to the people of England."

Mr. Arthur Greenwood thanked Mr. Chamberlain for his statement and asked the Premier to keep the country informed promptly whether the news was good or bad.

If the magnificent statement about the Kiel action had been published on the day it had occurred it would have heartened the people.  
Mr. Chamberlain said he did not want to circulate any information until all the facts had been ascertained, but with experience hoped they would do better in the future.

### Doubts Dispelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech has served to dispel any belief that Britain and France might be inclined to temporise with Hitler and discuss a general settlement after Germany has accomplished a lightning conquest of Poland.

Firstly, it is understood that the Polish Ambassador to London has reported to his Government that the British War Cabinet is unflinchingly determined to smash Hitlerism.  
Secondly, the inclusion of Winston

## CANADA AT WAR

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unit of 1,000 men to the Canadian Government.

### Too Many Recruits!

SIMLA, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—As so many offers for service have been received, the Government has found it necessary to request the public to continue in their ordinary occupations to avoid dislocation of industry.

### Indian Officers Called Up

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—Officers of the Indian regular reserve have been called up.  
An ordinance issued yesterday covers the subject of the Indian air force volunteer reserve.

### Unstinted Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—His Highness the Aga Khan, spiritual ruler of ten million Ismaili Mohammedans has called on his followers to give unstinted service to the British cause.

### Offers By Princes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—The Maharajah of Travancore has offered to place six lakhs of rupees (£45,000) at the disposal of the British Government towards the cost of prosecuting the war. He has also offered the services of the Travancore army, subject to the requirements of internal defence, and has suggested that he raise a labour corps.  
The Maharajah of Bikaner has placed at the disposal of the King-Emperor the sum of half a lakh (£2,500) "for war purposes," while the Maharani proposes to donate £1,000 for the same purpose.

## DAVENTRY NEWS BROADCASTS

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—At the beginning of Daventry's first news broadcast in Polish, the Polish Ambassador to London conveyed to the people of Poland a message from Mr. Chamberlain.

The message said that Great Britain and France had entered the war determined to fight with all their power the forces of aggression against Poland.  
The statement concluded: "They are strengthened in the knowledge that they are fighting for things which are greater than the interests of any one country—for the honour, justice and freedom of the world."

Churchill and Anthony Eden, sworn foes of Nazism, in the Cabinet. Thirdly, the "Times" statement that Hitlerism must be ended.

## NEWS FLASHES

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have been fixed at those prevailing on August 31.  
Refusal to sell at those prices renders the goods liable to seizure for sale by the Federal Government.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—M. Daladier and General Gamelin, head of the French forces, held a conference yesterday.  
It is understood that in particular, they discussed the progress of the war on the Western Front.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, has telephoned a vigorous personal demand to the Maritime Commission to speed up the removal of thousands of Americans who are stranded in Great Britain.

Five ships are being prepared. Only two American passengers sailed from New York on the President Harding.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (British Wireless).—Sir Frederic Lethbridge, chief economic adviser to His Majesty's Government, has been appointed Director-General of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Sir Neville Henderson and the former Berlin Embassy staff arrived at Gravesend to-day.

BURBANK, Calif., Sept. 7 (UP).—The Japanese goodwill plane Nippon hopped off from the Union Air Terminal at 9.6 a.m. P.S.T. for Albuquerque, N.M., on her next leg of her globe girdling tour.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—In the House of Commons, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told a questioner that the Government has no confirmation of the reports that the Germans dropped balloons filled with Yperite or yellow cross gas, on Poland.

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (UP).—Nazi sources said they expect Hitler to return to Berchtesgaden for the week-end or early next week. It is reported that he will confer with the Italian Ambassador.

## MEXICO WARNS NAZI SHIPS

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—Mexico has warned the nine German steamers which have taken refuge in her ports that use of their wireless transmitting sets would be a violation of Mexican neutrality.  
The Government has sealed up all the wireless operators' cabins, and has warned the crews that severe penalties will be inflicted on anyone breaking the order.

## Impatience Of Public Lack Of News From Western Front

LONDON, Sept. 7 (British Wireless).—The impatience of the public for news of developments on the war fronts is the subject of comment in several newspapers.

The "Times" points out that the tactical conditions are wholly different from those prevailing in 1914, when troops manoeuvring in open country clashed and fought in first few hours.

"To-day great armies are moving into previously prepared lines extending to a considerable depth, and such a process involves no clashes, even between small forces. Naval operations are also proceeding with intensity, but with proper secrecy. The sweeping of German shipping from the seas has begun. Submarines are being attacked, though it would clearly be undesirable to say when, where, or with what result, because such information might be useful to the submarines themselves."

"The convoy system for shipping has been put into operation. In naval matters also there is little analogy with 1914, when the German surface fleet was powerful, and clashes were to be expected from the moment of the outbreak of war. There need be no surprise at the slow pace at which the hostilities seem to be developing. The allied nations are in this war with a grim determination to end the Nazi Government which is utterly faithless and utterly unscrupulous, and will neglect no legitimate means, and spare no effort to achieve this end."

## GUNBOATS ASKED TO DEPART

Japan's "Friendly Advice" To British Navy

HANKOW, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—The Japanese Consular authorities have forwarded a note to the British Consul-General, tendering "friendly advice."

In order to "prevent incidents," it is stated, the British gunboats Peterel and Scarab should leave port. The note specified that the Japanese military authorities would guarantee the safety of all Britons in Hankow.

The British Consul-General in reply said the question was being referred to the proper authorities.

Two Japanese warships, later steamed up and anchored close to the two British gunboats, and another Japanese warship lay off a French gunboat.

## Duke Of Windsor Returning Home

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—CAP D'ANTIBES, Sept. 7 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor are starting to-morrow, by motor car on their return to England.

## Starting Times At Fanling

The following are the starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

OLD COURSE	NEW COURSE
0.16 G. M. Park, J. T. Smith.	0.20 H. L. Carson, B. S. Church.
0.20 H. L. Carson, B. S. Church.	0.24 I. H. Gears, R. H. Gears.
0.24 I. H. Gears, R. H. Gears.	0.28 N. G. & A. A. Macfarlane.
0.28 N. G. & A. A. Macfarlane.	0.32 E. G. Price, I. P. Tamworth.
0.32 E. G. Price, I. P. Tamworth.	0.36 J. W. Mayhew, E. R. McKee.

## News Is Stranger Than Fiction

JOHN MILLER lives at Teynham, Kent. Seven miles away at Bredgar lives his brother, Frederick. They meet but seldom.

Recently, John, who was married to see his doctor. He collapsed in the doctor's surgery.

That day, too, Frederick went to his work on a farm. He fell from a cherry tree and injured his spine. And later, in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, twenty miles away, two men turned in their adjoining beds and recognised each other.

They were John and Frederick.

## Y.M.C.A. FIXTURES

Sunday.—Discussion Group, 9 p.m. Prof. R. Robertson, "Nationalism and the International Ideal."

Monday.—Bandaging Class, 10.30 a.m. Flag whistle drive, 8.30 p.m. service lounge, ground floor, 50 cts.

Tuesday.—Bridge, 10 a.m. Badminton, 8.30 p.m. Mixed swimming, 6 p.m.

Wednesday.—Flag whistle and mah-jong, 10 a.m. Surg. Capt. G. V. Hobbs second talk on Anatomy, 6 p.m. Service whistle drive, 8.30 p.m.

Thursday.—Mah-jong class, 10 a.m. Committee meeting, 10.30 a.m. Friday.—Keep Fit class 10 a.m. Badminton, 8.30 p.m. Mixed swimming, 6 p.m.

## Olympic Committee

San Francisco, Sept. 7. The German Consul-General in San Francisco has resigned his membership of the Olympic Club. He received a telegram warning him that 153 members had threatened to resign unless he did so.—Reuters.

## HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO WESTERN FRONT

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discussed the possibility of reorganising the French Cabinet on a National Union basis.

The Propaganda Minister, M. Jean Giraudoux, to-day said: "Thanks to conscription, Britain will be able to give us millions of men little by little. Many British air squadrons are to-day in our provinces on duty with our own."

The official war communiqué to-day reported marked activity "on both sides of the front."

### Warsaw Evacuation

WARSAW, Sept. 7 (UP).—Every-one who is able to borrow or beg a conveyance is abandoning the Polish Capital as the rumble of distant German artillery fire becomes louder.

The imminence of an invasion is so real, that people are inclined to talk in whispers. The Government has moved to Lublin, 100 miles south-east. The Embassies are closed.

A large force of Germans are reported to be spreading a line 30 miles out of Warsaw.

The city seems destined to come under artillery fire shortly.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The few transactions reported indicate that amongst others H.K. Banks, Unions, Docks & Lands have more or less found their level, but an air of some uncertainty still exists with the remainder of the list.

### Buyers

Hongkong Banks	\$1,200
H.K. Docks	\$14 1/4
Providents	\$3.90
H.K. Hotels	\$3.95
H.K. Lands	\$30
H.K. Realities	\$33 1/2
H.K. Trams	\$14

### Sales

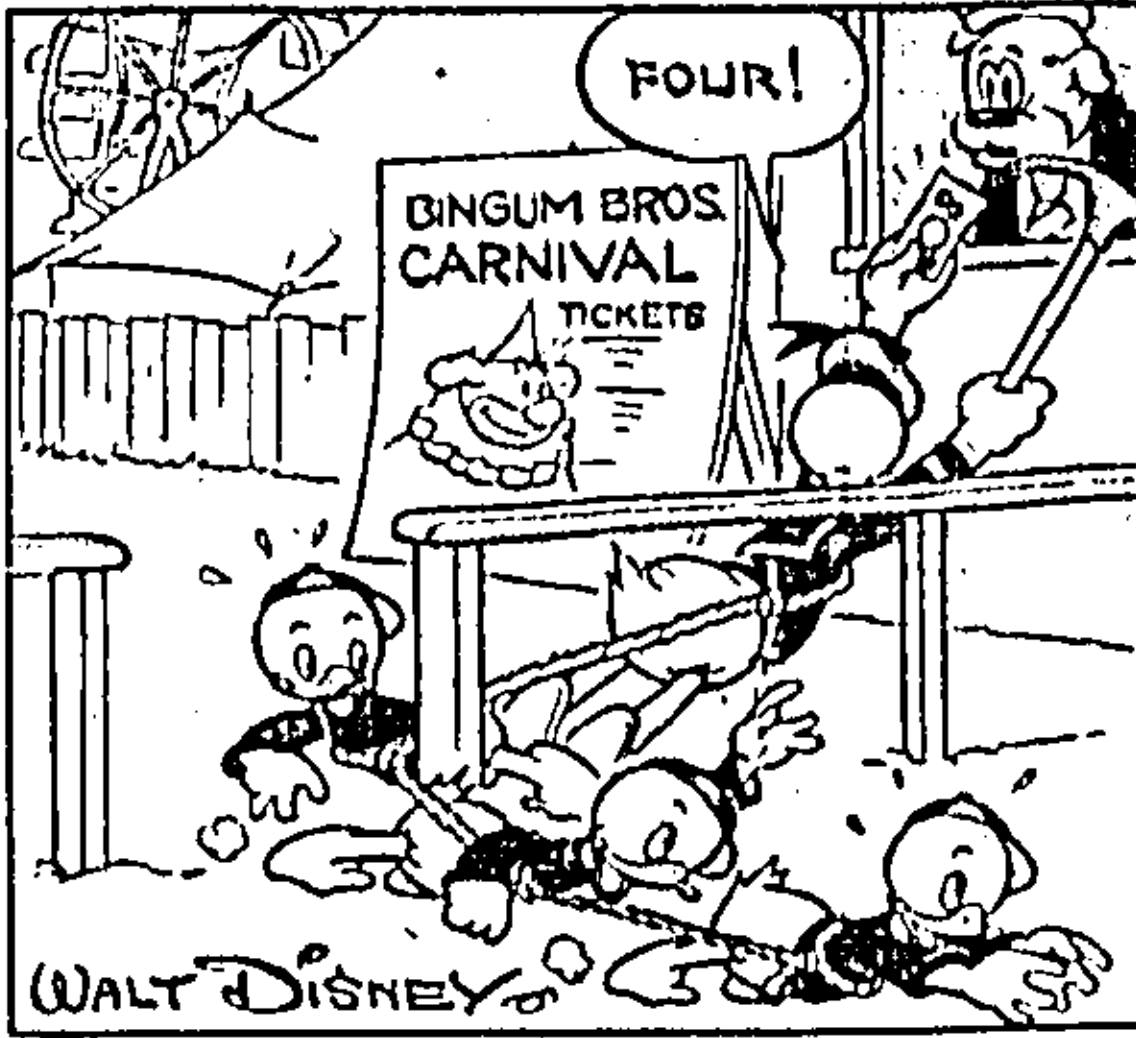
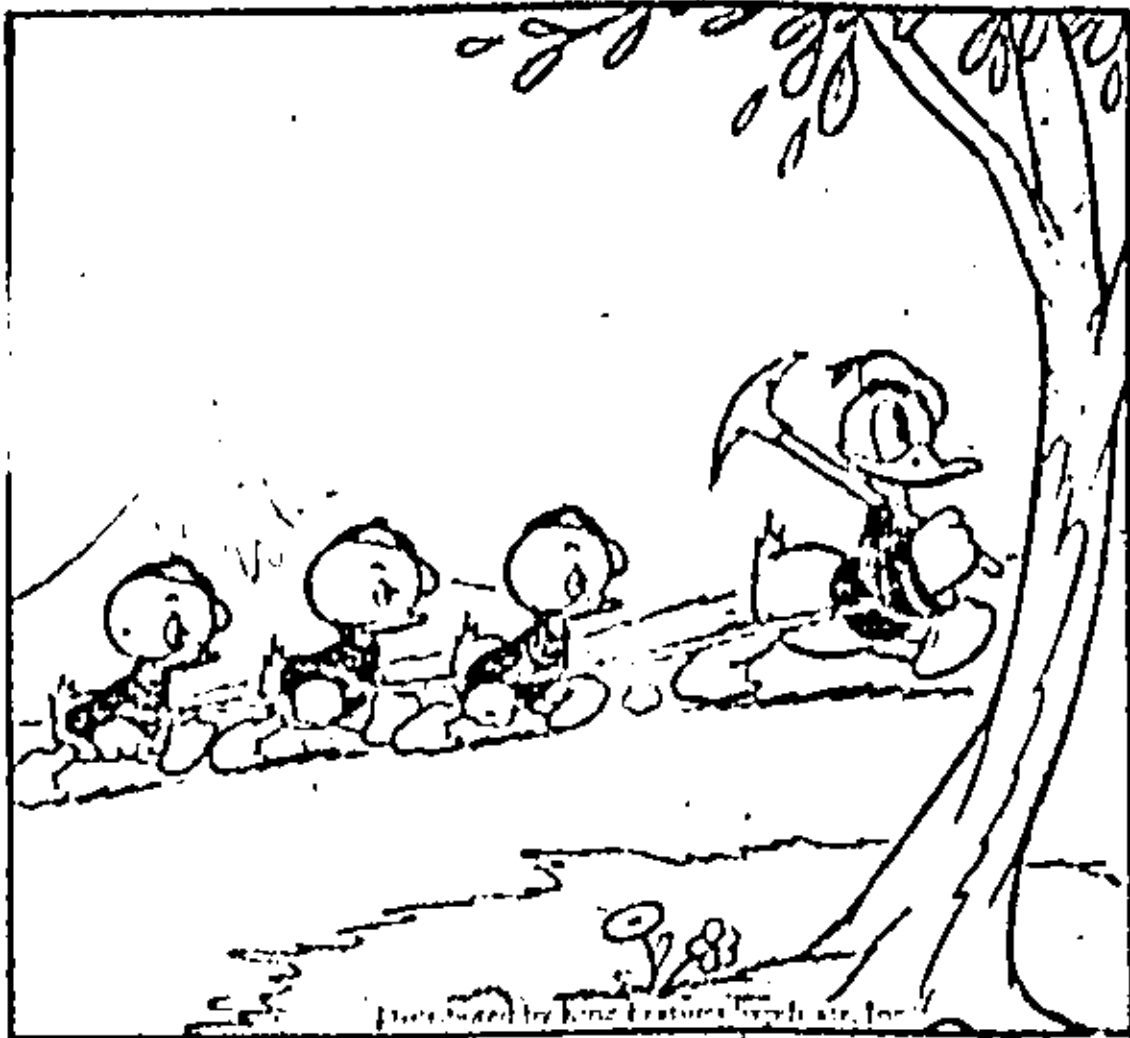
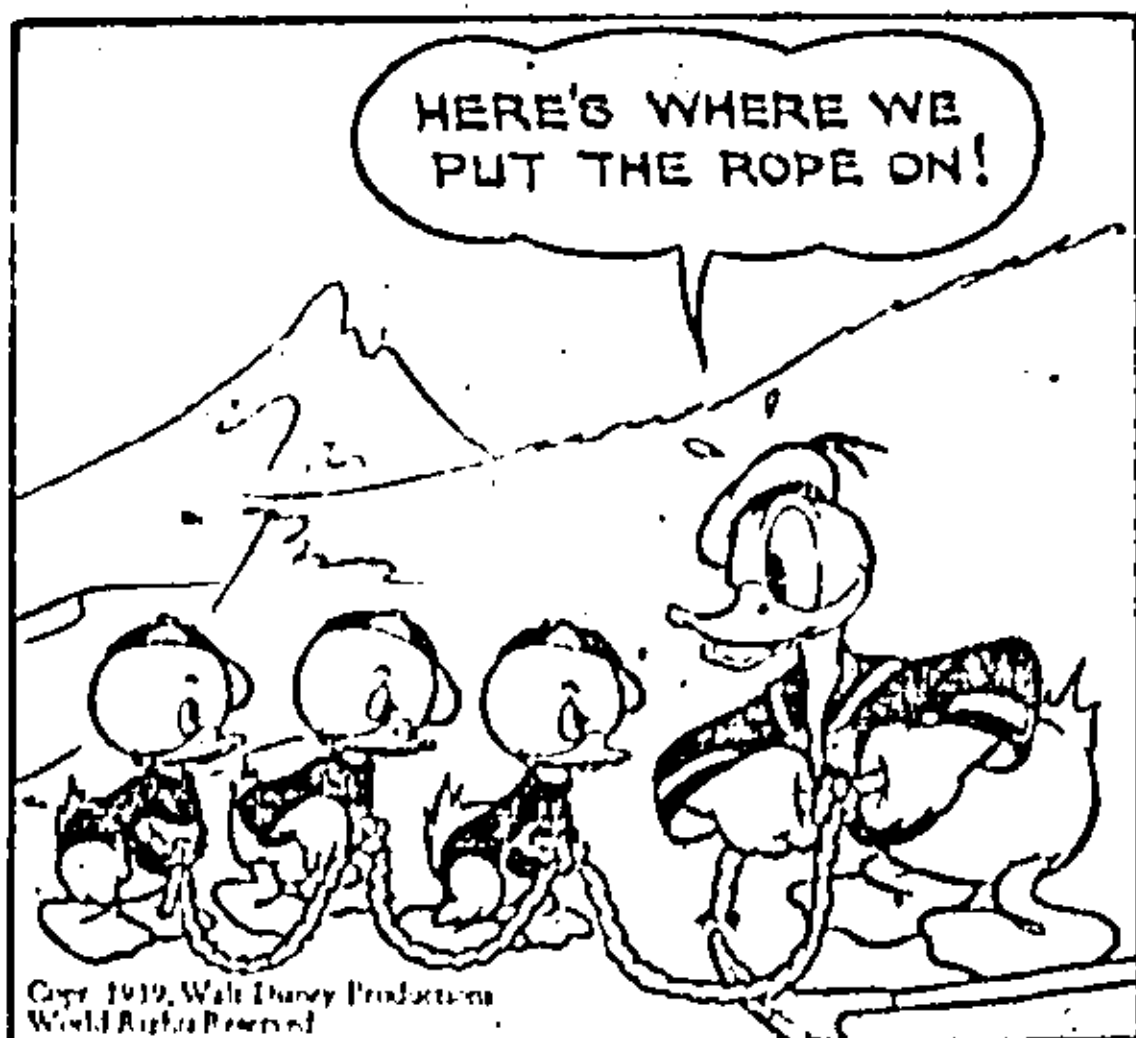
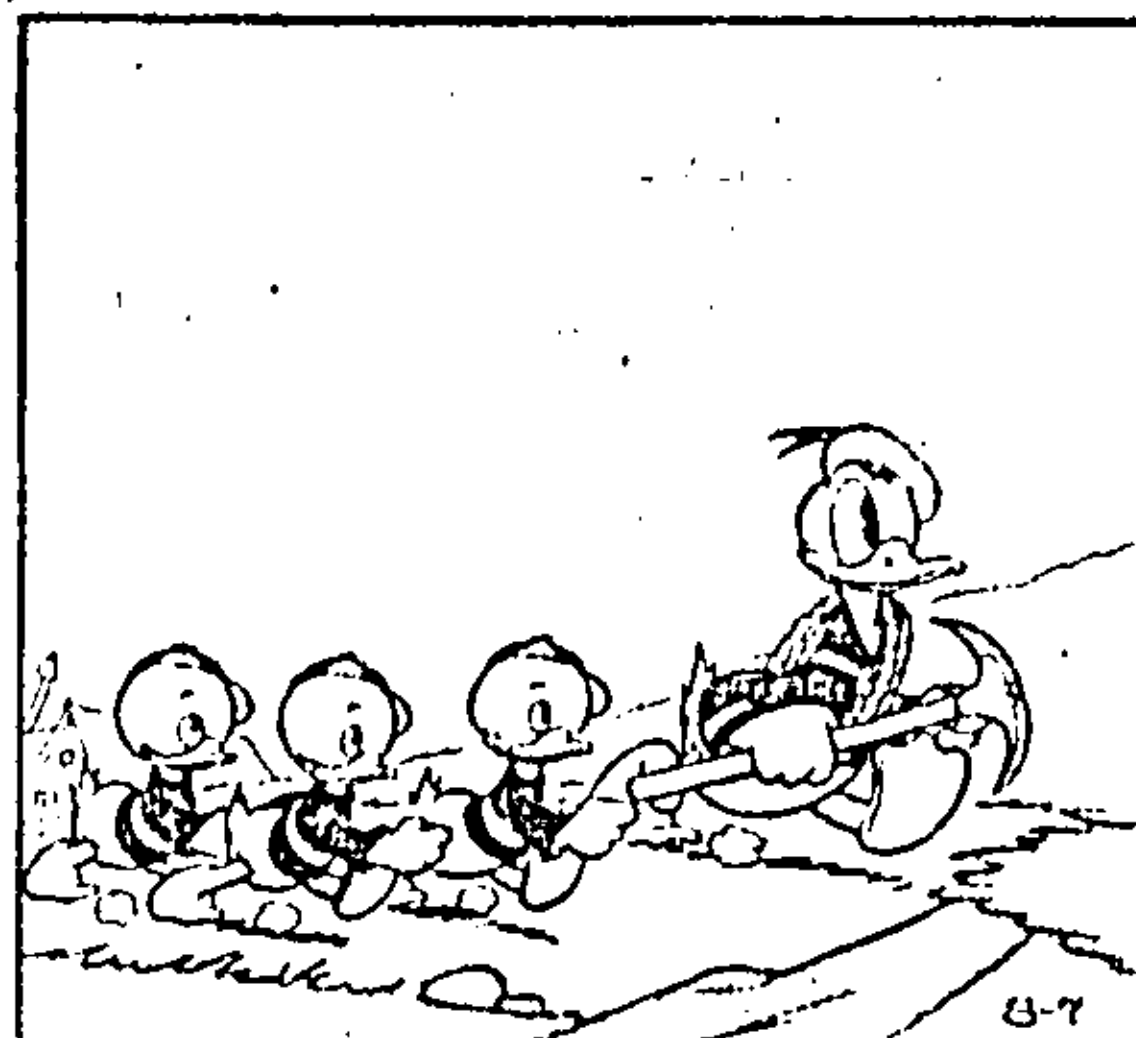
Hongkong Banks	\$1,200/23
Union Insurances	\$330
H.K. Lands	\$14 1/4
Providents	\$3
H.K. Lands	\$30
Electric	\$53

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Mambulac Consolidated Ps. 06	
Masbate Consolidated Ps. 0.04	
Mindanao Motherode Ps. 0.00 1/2	
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# DETERMINATION TO SMASH NAZIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The British Government is resolutely determined to wage war until the Nazi regime, as constituted under its present leaders, is destroyed and will refuse to be caught by any manoeuvre by Hitler for a premature peace before that objective is achieved.

The British foresee, and are prepared for, a manoeuvre by Hitler after he smashes the Polish Army whereby the Fuehrer is expected to attempt to inveigle the British and French into a quick peace at Poland's expense.

### Long And Bitter War

But the British are prepared mentally and morally, and are preparing materially, for a long and bitter war.

"Nearly everyone I talk with, both military and layman, feels that the war may last several years," writes Mr. Webb Miller, General European News Manager for "United Press."

"Each day signs accumulate that Hitler's plan of campaign, which I outlined on August 22 before the war started, is so far being followed."

"Firstly, Hitler has not declared war against Britain or France; secondly, he has made no offensive move against the British and French on the western front, thirdly, a Nazi Foreign Office spokesman told neutral correspondents 'Germany is taking no action against the western front,' fourthly, Hitler, as far as is known, is concealing from the German people the French movements against the Siegfried Line; fifthly, the Italian inspired press is hinting that the British and French may 'listen to reason' after Poland has been smashed and suggests that Italy may then have an opportunity to mediate."

### Morale Collapse

"The sole bare hope here of a comparatively brief war is that of a collapse in German morale," continues Mr. Webb Miller.

"This is based on reports of internal dissensions and lack of enthusiasm for war, which the British are attempting to fan by leaflet raids in which about twenty million leaflets have so far been scattered in Germany."

## STOCK EXCHANGE RESUMES

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—The London Stock Exchange resumed official business to-day, with prices generally firm and trading freer than last week.

Industrials were occasionally stronger and gilt-edged holdings were around the fixed minima. West African gold shares met with a good demand.

The large demand for cotton was again unsatisfied on the Liverpool market as sellers withheld at today's pegged prices.

Wall Street was firm.

## MAIL NOTICES

### INWARD

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 5 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

FROM HONGKONG.—(Hakozaki Maru, Sept. 8, Sunami, Sept. 8, Yunnan, Sept. 11, Thadane, Sept. 10, Tundare, Sept. 10, Tushima Maru, Sept. 13, Rajputana, Sept. 13.)

FROM JAPAN.—Nowsheera, Sept. 8, Hakozaki Maru, Sept. 8, Kamakura Maru, Sept. 12, Rajputana, Sept. 13.

FROM AMOY.—Tundane, Sept. 10.

FROM CANTON.—Canton Maru, Sept. 8, Singapore Maru, Sept. 11.

FROM HANGKOK.—Ninghai, Sept. 8.

FROM TIENTSIN.—Yunnan, Sept. 11.

FROM STRAIT.—Yuenang, Sept. 10, Hakusan Maru, Sept. 6, Philoctetes, Sept. 10, Tainan, Sept. 12, Ranpura, Sept. 13.

FROM MANILA.—Pres. Pierce, Sept. 9, Granville, Sept. 15.

FROM Cebu.—Yuenang, Sept. 8, Tainan, Sept. 12.

FROM CANADA & U.S.A.—Empress of Asia, Sept. 8, Vancouver date, Aug. 10.

FROM EUROPE VIA NEGAPATAN (Papers, etc.)—London date, 10th August.

FROM EUROPE VIA RUEZ (Papers, etc.)—London date, 10th August and London Porece date, 10th August.

FROM U.S.A., HONOLULU & JAPAN (Papers, etc.)—London date, Aug. 25, Pres. Coolidge, Sept. 15.

### AIR MAIL INWARD

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 6th September.—Pan American Airways Plane.

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 6th September.—Air France Plane.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, Sept. 2.—Imperial Airways plane, Sept. 4.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, Sept. 6.—Imperial Airways plane—Sept. 11.

### OUTWARD MAILS

#### TO-DAY

Manila (Empress of Asia) 3.30 p.m.  
Batavia, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseille—due Marseille, October 9, (Hakozaki Maru), G.P.O. & K.P.O.—Reg. 4.45 p.m., Ord. 4.30 p.m.

#### TO-MORROW

Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada Central and South America, via San Francisco—due San Francisco, September 28, (Pres. Pierce) G.P.O. & K.P.O.—Parcel, 4 p.m.; Reg. 5 p.m.; Ord. 5.20 p.m.

Shanghai and Japan (Hakusan Maru), 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Thursday Island September 22 (Tainan), G.P.O. & K.P.O.—Parcel, 5.00 p.m.; Reg. 5.00 p.m.; Papers 5.30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

Parcels only for Halphong (Mingsang), 9.00 a.m.  
Halphong (Canton), 9.00 a.m.  
Amoy and Swatow (Mingsang), 9 a.m.

Monday

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London Sept. 18.—Imperial Airways plane—K.P.O. Reg. 5 p.m.; Ord. 5.30 p.m.; G.P.O. Reg. 5 p.m.; Ord. 7 p.m.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London Sept. 18.—Imperial Airways plane—K.P.O. Reg. 5 p.m.; Ord. 5.30 p.m.; G.P.O. Reg. 5 p.m.; Ord. 7 p.m.

## SITUATION IN CHINA

### Butler Tells House Of Latest Developments

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—Questioned regarding the four Chinese prisoners in Tientsin, Mr. R. A. Butler stated in the House of Commons to-day that in view of the decision of the High Court in London and the notification previously given to the Chinese and Japanese governments, the British Government had decided that the men could no longer be detained.

The Consul-General in Tientsin had been instructed accordingly to hand the men over to the local Chinese court.

Mr. G. le M. Mander (Liberal) objected and said that the men should not be handed over while an appeal was pending.

Mr. Butler said that the High Court had decided that a writ of habeas corpus could not be issued in a foreign country.

With reference to the alleged confession of two Chinese in Hongkong, Mr. Butler said that every relevant fact had been taken into consideration.

Mr. D. N. Pritt (Labour) objected that in view of the new proceedings it was most improper to surrender the men.

Mr. Butler replied that Mr. Pritt could rest assured that where many technical and legal matters were concerned, the Government had taken the best advice obtainable and had regard for the decision of the High Court.

### General Situation

Making a statement on the general position in the Far East, Mr. Butler said that hostilities had for some time been on a very restricted scale, though operations of some importance appeared to be in progress from the beginning of May on the Mongol-Manchu frontier.

In an aide memoire on September 5 to representatives of Britain, France, Germany and Poland, the Japanese Government stated its intention to concentrate efforts to settle the dispute with China.

Sir Robert Craigie's conversations with the Japanese Government were at present in suspense. The British Government made it clear that they were anxious to continue the conversations in the hope that agreement might be reached on all outstanding points.

Meanwhile, the situation in Tientsin was unchanged, except insofar as it was complicated by the floods.

## TRAIN ROUTES RE-OPENED

LONDON, Sept. 7. (Reuters).—Train services between Rome and Paris will be resumed to-day.

Train services between Switzerland and Italy have already been resumed. The Orient Express will now travel as far as Paris instead of ending the service at Milan.

The Belgium air line resumed service yesterday between Belgium and England after having suspended its schedule for a week.

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### War Waste

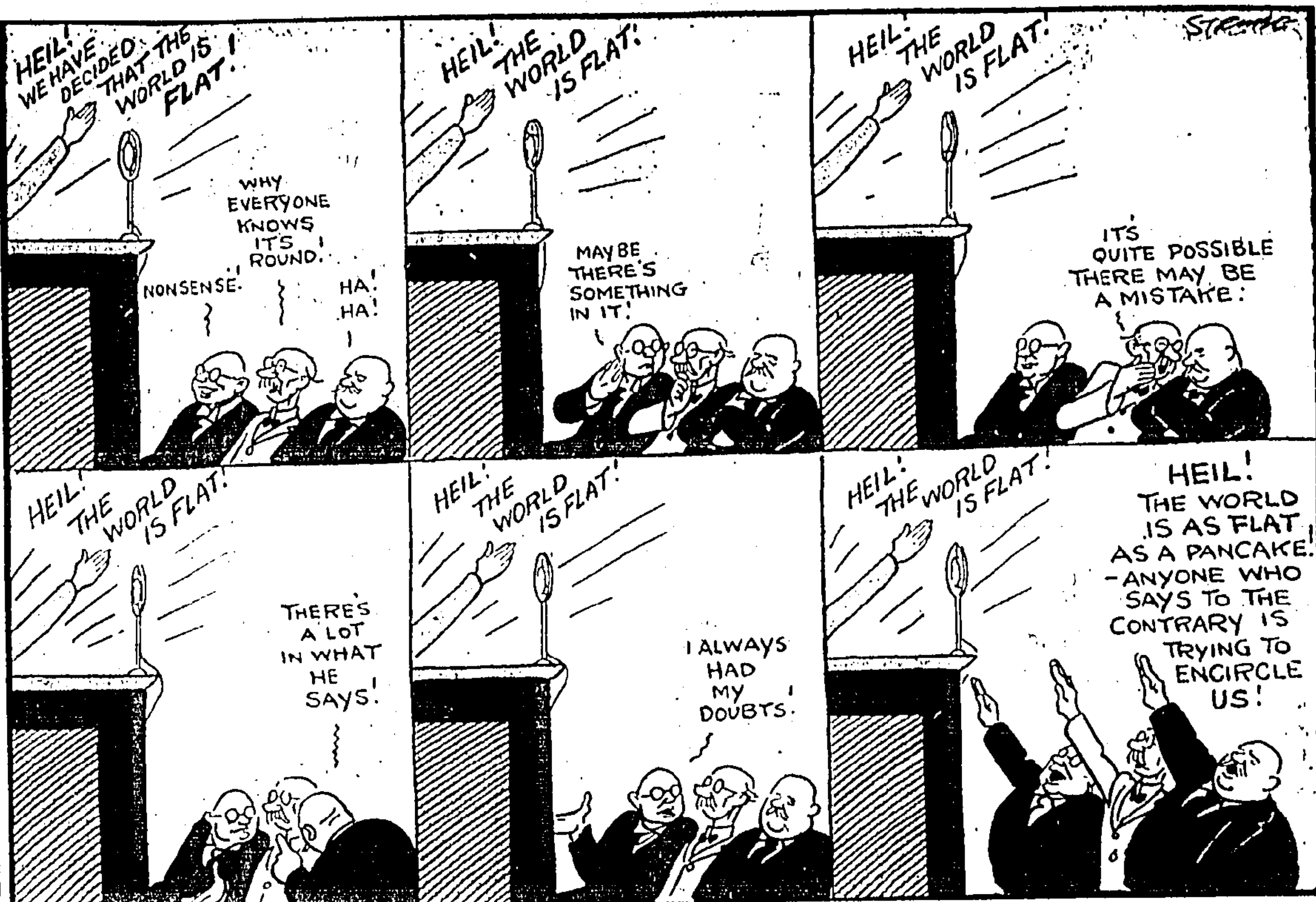
THE deplorable wastefulness of war is painfully exemplified by what has taken place in China since the beginning of this year. In the last seven or eight years hundreds of miles of motor roads were completed in Hunan and Kiangsi, linking the principal towns. It was a work of very great difficulty and labour. Thousands of bridges and culverts had to be built, and in hilly regions the track had to be hewn out of the solid rock.

This made an enormous change for the better in the social and economic life of the people. But it had other and unforeseen results. This network of roads enabled the Japanese to make rapid advance on towns evacuated by Chinese troops and civilians.

To prevent this the Chinese have resolved to destroy utterly what they had accomplished at such cost.

A correspondent of the *Times* tells how thoroughly this act of sacrifice has been carried out. He says that these roads, covering an area the size of England and Wales, have been entirely destroyed. Thousands of men are working to make rebuilding impossible. Every bridge and culvert has been torn down or blown up. Deep and wide trenches have been dug at intervals of a hundred yards. Even the old paths through the rice fields and over the mountain passes have been obliterated. On low-lying land the way has been ploughed and flooded, and is already planted with rice. It would be the work of a few hours to break up the narrow tracks that remain and leave the whole countryside a series of flooded valleys knee-deep in mud.

Much has been told in history of the heroism of hard-pressed nations flooding their country to impede the advance of invaders. But surely nothing on so extensive a scale as this in China. It tells more than many battles of the determination of the Chinese people to preserve their integrity and freedom at any cost.



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## Soldier Statesman

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IF a world federation of States could be brought into existence to-morrow, there are a good many people who would vote for General Smuts as the best possible president.

He has that balance of gifts that helps to ensure both sanity and order. He combines moral idealism with hard practical sense. He is a fearless fighter, with a genius for compromise at the auspicious moment. He is a believer in liberty and a disciplinarian. And he has a versatile brain that seems capable of mastering any problem to which it applies itself.

I doubt, however, whether the mass of Englishmen have more than a vague knowledge of the personality and career of this extraordinary man. To most of them the facts related in Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin's biography, "General Smuts," published recently, will have the exciting freshness of news.

Comparatively few people even know that the Smuts who was afterwards to fight for the Boers against the British was born a British subject in the Cape of Good Hope. A feeble child, he was not expected to live long, and did not learn to read or write till he was 12 years old. He remained "pale and weedy" till he became a soldier in the war, but, to compensate for this, he possessed "terrific" energy, which was manifest even in his school days.

This was shown in the last week of his last term at school when, knowing no Greek, he had to learn enough Greek to pass his matriculation. "On Monday he took up his Greek grammar. . . . He read it violently for six days and then he knew it by heart, the whole book—declensions, conjugations, irregular verbs and all." As a result of this and similar exploits, he came out first in the examination. He showed the same spirit of

determination in pushing himself through Cambridge with the aid of a scholarship and borrowed money. He intended to become a lawyer, and, with this object in view, he was scarcely even tempted by pleasure.

To the present day, he does not smoke or drink or play cards. He has always disliked dancing and games and "girls as girls." He cares nothing for pictures or music. He does not mind how he eats or lives. "He likes to be uncomfortable."

At the same time, his asceticism was never that of a man bent at all costs upon worldly success. He loved books—especially poetry, such as that of Whitman, which seemed to give life a meaning and purpose.

While at Cambridge, indeed, he wrote a book on Whitman which was rejected—with compliments—by George Meredith, then "reading" for Chapman and Hall.

Returning to South Africa, he was drawn to Cecil Rhodes as a worker for unity between the Dutch and the English. Shocked by the Jameson Raid, however, he joined the Transvaal Bar and became State Attorney under Kruger. Even so, he did all in his power to prevent war between the Dutch and the English. When compromise proved impossible, he entered on a new career and ultimately became a leader in guerrilla warfare comparable in some respects with Lawrence of Arabia.

That was the period of his life, he declares, in which he took the greatest "boyish" satisfaction. He found that he had "no bodily fear." He was temporarily indifferent to death and wounds, not only for himself but for others. "The men who were affected by the dead and wounded," he said afterwards, "were the neurotics."

Mrs. Millin gives us an unforgettable picture of this tattered General, invading Cape Colony with his tiny forces, eluding the army of a great Empire—a soldier at once on the offensive and on the run, carrying a Greek Testament

and Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason" in his saddle-bag.

The present volume of Mrs. Millin's biography brings the story of General Smuts down only to the day in 1917 on which Mr. Lloyd George invited him to join the War Cabinet. But by that time he had already proved himself the great fighter and the great peacemaker that the world knows.

He had helped to make peace with the English at the right moment, and to preserve that peace by persuading the Liberal Cabinet to restore freedom to South Africa. He had faced rebellion and revolution at home indifferent alike to calumny and danger. And his wisdom was as remarkable as his courage. Speaking of the rebellion of 1914 he said: "Was not the rebellion of 1914 quite understandable? We understood it and treated the rebels with leniency."

General Smuts, however, would modestly disclaim any praise of himself as an ideal leader during those years and the years in which he fought the Germans in East Africa. He had "hungry, angry eyes," Mrs. Millin declares, till, at the age

of 60, he came to Paris during the peace negotiations. General Smuts would agree with her:

"The misery after the Boer War was nothing to it," he says. "It was a break in one's own life, but not in the whole world. Paris showed me the crack in life itself. It changed me. I am a softer man than I used to be. Whether for better or for worse, I don't know. I was hard as a young man—hard and confident and successful."

It is the softer, more human post-war Smuts that a large part of the civilised world has come to trust and honour—the patriot who believes that "civilisation is one body, and we are all members one of another." It is true that Mrs. Millin, in her brilliant and scrupulously faithful narrative, claims that he was always "a natural negotiator, a believer in conference." But it is only since the War that General Smuts has had an opportunity of applying his genius in this sphere to problems on the solution of which depend the safety and happiness of mankind. And to-day, when he addresses the world, it is as one of the wisest and most magnanimous of its fallible inhabitants.

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## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### Eire Takes Precautions

Dublin, Sept. 7. Although Eire is neutral, emergency defence measures have been rapidly inaugurated, including the calling out of certain reserves, black outs, air raid trenches and censorship of mails and telegrams. The Government has announced that from now Irish ships must obtain licences before sailing. Digging of trenches is being carried out in Mount Joy Square. Black-outs have so far been less rigid than in Britain, but they will now be complete. Officers in the general reserve, and non-commissioned officers, as well as certain officers and men of the volunteer force, have been called up. —United Press.

### War Situation

## PREMIER TELLS THE COMMONS Tribute To Poles

London, Sept. 7. Making his promised statement in the House of Commons on the progress of the war, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said: "The House will realise it is only possible to give a general indication of the present situation and the state of our defences, as there are necessarily a number of points to which, in the public interest, it is impossible to refer. "In the East the Poles are fighting hard against a strong and ruthless enemy who is relying on his weight of numbers and material to crush all opposition. The Polish soldier has ever shown himself to be a courageous and determined fighter and today he is worthily maintaining this tradition. "Against overwhelming superiority in the air and outmanned and outgunned, he is fighting every yard of the German advance. "The Germans have often stressed the need for a short war and a quick decision. In pursuance of this idea the German plan appears to be to concentrate their main effort against Poland, and as the House is aware, that country was invaded just over a week ago without formal declaration of war.

### Morale Unaffected

"In spite of human and material losses which they have already suffered, the morale and courage of the Polish people remains unaffected. Financial assistance to Poland has been given to replenish her resources has been given. "In the West, France has, like ourselves, mobilised her forces with complete efficiency and smoothness and is now in contact with the enemy on their frontier. Certain information has been published of what has taken place, but for obvious reasons no details can yet be disclosed. The outbreak of war found the same spirit of determination and solidarity among the French people as is evident here. "The understanding between the two countries is complete, and arrangements which have now been put into force for co-operation in all their activities concerned with the prosecution of the war are working smoothly.

### Home Defences

"In this country the defensive military dispositions of our army, which cover a very wide field, were made in good time owing to precautionary measures which it was decided to adopt during the period of the mobilisation of the army. The manning of anti-aircraft and coast defences was efficiently carried out. Within a short time of calling out our units guns and searchlights were fully manned. Since a large number of anti-aircraft units were in camp and away from their home stations, this reflects great credit on their organisation. "Guarding vulnerable points has been taken over by the national defence companies, supplemented by personnel of the Territorial Army. The personnel reached their posts with the minimum of delay and under trying weather conditions.

### Women's Work

"The mobilisation of the remainder of the army has been carried out with the greatest smoothness. The morale of all ranks is high, and in particular the spirit of the reservists recalled from civil life, some of whom have already this year been called for training, is excellent. "I should like to make special mention of the women of the Auxiliary Territorial Services who are performing many tasks under arduous conditions, and thereby relieving soldiers for fighting duties. "Turning to the naval side the important feature up to the present has been the development of the German U-boat attacks on our shipping. "The sinking of the Athenia with its scenes of death and terror virtually opened the war and no denials or inventions on part of Germany will convince the public of German innocence of this crime, which profoundly shocked and horrified the world. —Reuter.

# POLES CONTEMPLATING STRONG COUNTER-ATTACK

## British Troops Are Landed In France

Hostilities on the Western Front have begun on a large scale, though no impressive engagements have been fought and it is announced that the positions of both armies having been prepared so long beforehand spectacular engagements are unlikely. The French have, however, penetrated German territory in the Saar area and report considerable artillery duels. British troops are reported to be "pouring into France", while the latter country confidently states that British aid during the early stages of the war is likely to be vastly greater than during 1914-15 owing to Britain's greater preparedness. Various quarters point out that the Poles have used good sense to withdraw from difficult positions which were never considered safe to try and hold, but that the German advance may not have been as fast as Germany anticipated and that resistance is by no means at an end in the East.

London, Sept. 7. The first week of the German campaign has ended in Poland with a pincer movement extended towards Warsaw. According to military opinion here resolute measures are needed at present in Warsaw, which is the focal point of Poland's rail and road communications, to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy.

However, the Poles may be planning a counter-attack on the German left flank to relieve the threat, in view of reports that there is heavy fighting on the Plozsk-Ciechanow line, to which reinforcements have been rushed. German troops are now obviously taking considerable interest in the importance of the Vistula as a barrier. The left flank of the German advance is now much exposed. The fate of Warsaw is believed to depend of whether the Poles still possess enough reserves to be able, at the same time they are resisting the German pressure on the right flank in the Lodz sector, to counter-attack in the north.

### Tactics Foreseen

Experts said that the German advances were foreseen at the Polish frontier where the line itself is favourable to a pincer movement towards Warsaw. It is believed that the Poles are wisely not engaging the bulk of their forces to defend that territory which it was never intended that they should hold against a mass attack, leaving available for a counter-attack to their reserves. Nothing sensational is reported from the western front. At present it is reported that tactical conditions are wholly different to those prevailing in 1914, when troops manoeuvred in the open country and clashed within the first few hours of the war. To-day the Siegfried Line and Maginot Line are prepared lines, permitting only localised contact between outposts, while the great armies are occupying previously prepared lines of considerable depth while the grand secret strategy develops. The allies' operations are proceeding in intensity, but with the greatest secrecy. They are sweeping German shipping from the seas. They have obviously begun a convoy system and enemy submarines are being attacked. —United Press.

### Times Follow Strategy

London, Sept. 7. A glance at the map will show the folly of any attempt to hold the Polish frontiers against attack in force, declares The Times leader on the progress of the war. The German advances, therefore, have not been unexpected either in extent or speed, and may even in both respects have been inferior to German expectations. The Polish skill and courage have made the enemy pay a considerable price, and it does seem that the Poles have wisely not engaged the bulk of their forces in defence of the territories which they never intended to hold against mass attacks. The public must therefore be prepared for further German advances in the north, but there is no sign whatever on the Polish side of the depression which would follow a strategical defeat. As for the actual conduct of operations, it will have been observed that Hitler has naturally broken his promise to confine his attacks to military objectives. The German Air Force has been ruthlessly and effectively used, not only on the battlefield but also against open towns. —Reuter.

### Streams Of Evacuees

Warsaw, Sept. 7. Most of the population of Warsaw has evacuated, but there are streams of refugees entering the capital from Lodz, 70 miles south-west of Warsaw. —Reuter Bulletin.

### Corridor Eliminated

Berlin, Sept. 7. The Germans claim that Danzig and East Prussia are no longer separated by a corridor. Hitler is reported to be visiting this section of the front. —Reuter Bulletin.

### Poles Surrender

Berlin, Sept. 7. The Berlin War Ministry announces that the Polish garrison at Westerplatte, in Danzig, surrendered at 10.10 a.m. A tribute is paid to their courage. —United Press. This garrison was holding a Polish

munitions dump near the entrance to the Harbour.

### On Western Front

London, Sept. 7. Concurrently with the French offensive in the Saar, French artillery is pounding the Siegfried Line, which Herr Hitler claims is "impregnable." Although it is estimated that Germany has poured sixty divisions into Poland, reports of the widening-scale offensive on Germany's western front has caused Polish diplomats to sigh with relief. —United Press.

### Seven Miles Gain

Paris, Sept. 7. It is telephonically reported from the Western Front at 6 a.m. that 600 French tanks have succeeded in penetrating the German lines up to a distance of seven miles, in several sectors. Several Saar villages have been captured by the French forces, which are now apparently concentrating all their attention on the drive towards the provincial capital, Saarbrücken. —United Press.

### British Troops Arriving

Paris, Sept. 7. A war communique issued at 11 a.m. states that activity has been marked on both sides of the front. British troops are going into France, and French artillery continue to pound the German defences. Fighting continues on the entire line between the Rhine and Moselle. —United Press.

### Rapid Advance

London, Sept. 7. The Polish radio station today announced that "a shot has been fired last night reached the outskirts of Saarbrücken. The advance was so rapid that the Germans lacked sufficient time to evacuate the municipalities and administrative centres of several small towns. —United Press.

### "All Quiet" Report

Berlin, Sept. 7. The German High Command announced that "a shot has been fired on the Western Front" and described the Paris reports of penetration as "nonsense." —United Press.

### Mopping Up Operations

Paris, Sept. 7. A war communique issued this morning states that there has been marked activity on both sides. Newspaper reports say that French troops crossed the frontier and mopped up the German machine gun nests in No Man's Land. A heavy French artillery bombardment was

# AMERICA WATCHING THE FAR EAST

It is possible that the United States will "co-operate" with Japan in the Far East in the not distant future if Japan refrains from using violence in China and does not disturb peaceful conditions there, the New York correspondent of the Asahi Shimbun declares, quoting informed observers in America. With Great Britain allegedly having her hands full in Europe, the United States is apparently the only Power able to guard the Western interests in the Orient. The United States is also now more occupied with European affairs than with Far Eastern questions, according to the report. What attention she does devote to conditions in China is evoked mainly by the fear that Japan might aggravate her policy in China in view of the European war. Japanese policies will have far-reaching effects on the course of events in Europe and in consideration of these circumstances the United States is now viewing Japan's attitude with cautious eyes, the Asahi correspondent says. —Domei.

### America Is Watching

Washington, Sept. 7. Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, told the Press that the United States was paying full attention to developments in the Far East, such as the Japanese request to the British and French to withdraw their armed forces from China. He said that America would continue to study the situation closely in reply to question as to whether the United States' Far Eastern policy

### Unrest Grows In Reich

Brussels, Sept. 7. The newspaper Siecle, quoting an Italian broadcast, reports anti-war demonstrations in Berlin, Prague and Vienna. These were brutally dispersed by the Gestapo. The Journal Libre de Belgique reports disorders in Cologne, Dusseldorf, Essen, Brno and Pilsen, where the great Skoda armament works are situated. Strong detachments of Black Guards have been sent to Dresden and Leipzig and to Bohemia and Moravia. —Reuter.

## Big Neutral Bloc Americans Stand Firm On Action

Panama City, Sept. 7. The largest neutral bloc in the history of the world appeared to be in process of development after it was announced that the Pan-American meeting on September 21 will discuss the feasibility of making a common declaration in pursuance of the Lima declaration. The swift evolution of neutrality sentiment in the Western Hemisphere—except Canada—has been contracted from the previous war declarations of war by eight countries for France and German allies while seven were permanently neutral. Argentina, Brazil and Chile—the ABC bloc—have already announced their neutrality. It is now widely believed that they are determined to remain neutral even if the United States enters the war. Similar declarations have been made in Mexico, Cuba, the United States and Uruguay, while Nicaragua and Colombia will make an announcement at the conference. —United Press.

carried out to enable the French troops to consolidate their advance. —Reuter Bulletin.

### France Is Efficient

Paris, Sept. 7. The following is the text of a war communique: Our advance elements progressing beyond the frontier in varying advances on diverse parts of the front, everywhere meeting with resistance from automatic arms and campaign organisations. Aviation activity is proceeding in liaison with land action. The transport installations of all units are proceeding normally. Diverse units are in conformance with our traditions, are making an effort to facilitate as far as possible the normal life of the corps, whose morale is excellent. The supplying of arms is functioning in correct manner. —United Press.

### Moving Toward Saarbrücken

London, Sept. 7. In a broadcast by the B.B.C. it is stated that French troops led by tanks penetrated the western front and are passing towards Saarbrücken. Heavy fighting is going on in the Moselle region. —United Press.

### Action Along Big Sector

Paris, Sept. 7. Action along the entire frontier between the Rhine and Moselle is reported. —Reuter Bulletin.

## Japan And The European Conflict

Shanghai, Sept. 7. Mr. Yoshiaki Miura, the Japanese Consul-General yesterday visited the British, French and German Consuls-General in Shanghai and communicated the Japanese Government's decision not to intervene in the European war. A Japanese Navy spokesman revealed that, in accordance with the Japanese Government's decision which was communicated to the foreign Ambassadors concerned on Tuesday, Rear-Admiral Kusaku, representing Vice-Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet in China Waters, called on the British and French Naval Commanders in Shanghai yesterday and asked them to comply with the Japanese advice. The spokesman pointed out that the Japanese decisions were made with a view to avoiding untoward incidents in China in connection with the European war, while Japan would remain neutral and pursue her established policy in China. —Domei.

### Cultural Activities

Tokyo, Sept. 7. Acting in line with the Government's decision not to intervene in the European war, various international cultural institutions in Japan, including the Society for International Cultural Relations, have decided to continue their activities irrespective of the European war. Following the outbreak of the war in Europe, these bodies were understood to have suspended activity temporarily. Encouraged by the Government's decision to remain neutral, however, the Society for International Cultural Relations and other organisations will continue to maintain contact with Britain, France, Italy, Germany and other countries abroad. —Domei.

### Currency Problems

Tokyo, Sept. 7. There are still no sufficient indications that the Ministry of Finance is planning to modify the linking of the Japanese currency with sterling despite the outbreak of the European war, the Asahi Shimbun points out. Recent fall in the Anglo-American rate has considerably affected the Yen against the U.S. dollar. It is understood that the authorities were contemplating the possibility of switching the Yen link from sterling to the U.S. dollar in the event of serious fluctuations in the Anglo-American cross-rate.

The British Government has announced that the Anglo-American cross-rate will be maintained at U.S.\$4.02, and as a result the Yen dollar rate has been forced down to 23 1/2 U.S. cents per yen. The change in the Yen-dollar rate has raised the prices of raw silk and other Japanese exports to America. With the prices of imports from America also advancing, Japan's living costs are showing signs of increase. Unless the Anglo-American cross rate is changed, however, the new level in the Yen-dollar exchange rate will it is understood, remain unchanged. Interested circles are studying the problem of whether the present Yen-dollar rate is suitable for the economic conditions in Japan. —Domei.

### Attitude Of The Navy

Tokyo, Sept. 7. For the sake of a speedy settlement of the China Affair, the Japanese Navy does not want the European war to spread to the Far East, Rear-Admiral Masao Kanasawa, Chief of the Publicity Bureau of the Navy Ministry, declared at the Press Conference this morning. Admiral Kanasawa said no changes have taken place in the policy of the Japanese Navy, which has been on the war footing since the outbreak of the China Affair. Questioned regarding the rumours that Japanese shipping interests were negotiating for the purchase of the German steamers staying in Japan, the Navy spokesman pointed out that they were mere rumours and the Navy had nothing to do with them. Concluding, the Japanese Navy spokesman added that the Japanese Navy's policy was calculated not to intervene in the European war and that its uppermost concern was the successful completion of the China Affair. —Domei.

### Report Is Denied

Shanghai, Sept. 7. The British Embassy has denied the report that the Japanese Navy was negotiating for the purchase of the German steamers staying in Japan, which were leaving immediately for Hongkong and Singapore, respectively.

A British spokesman said that they had not received any such orders for evacuation from the Government, and that it was highly improbable that the British troops and ships would leave soon. He said that Japan's request for evacuation was made on Tuesday and communicated to the Home Government. However, London had not yet replied or given any orders in this connection. —United Press.

### Ambassador Told

London, Sept. 7. The Ministry of Information has announced that the British Ambassador in Tokyo has received a communication from the Japanese Government to the effect that Japan does not intend to become involved in the European war. The Japanese Government has requested that the British Government should refrain from taking any measures such as might prejudice Japan's position with regard to the China affair. —United Press.



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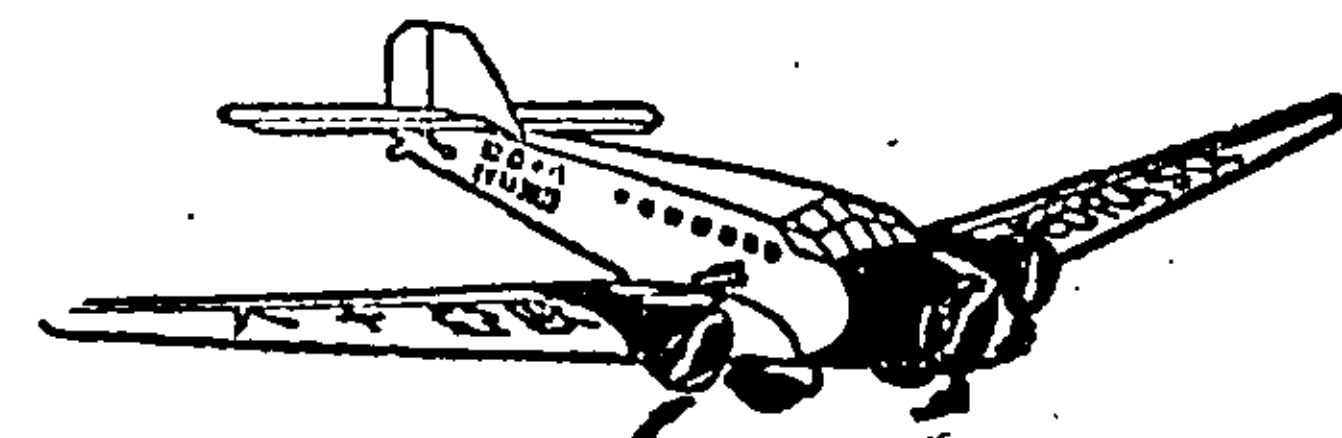
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## Increased Cost Of \$100 Each To Owners Appears Justified

(By "Captain Foster")

At the Hongkong Jockey Club stables last week the drawing of the Australian subscription ponies to be raced in 1940 was held before a large crowd of owners and followers of the turf, the numbers from the drum being picked out by Lady MacGregor and Mrs. A. E. Grasett.

A list of the draw is appended below:

Pony No.	Owner	Colour	Size
1	Moneley	Brown M.	Caravis
2	Meerlamia	Brown	Cisterian
3	Marber 1	Ches.	Graculus
4	Mrs. Pearce	Ches. M.	Stare
5	Dr. Lee Shiu-kee	Bay M.	Carma Younger
6	H. Y. Liang	Bay M.	Little Toy
7	Ed Tong-son	Bay M.	Canterbury King
8	La and Edgar	Ches. M.	Lynneville
9	Goedla	Bay M.	Powers Court
10	Widja	Bay M.	Brewan
11	Crystal	Brown M.	Sum King
12	Elhandee	Ches. M.	Kingspear
13	Winner	Ches.	Double Court
14	Lau	Bay M.	Dinath Jim
15	H. W.	Bay M.	Barleyspear
16	C. W. K.	Bay M.	Graculus
17	L. Reddy	Bay	Chocolate
18	Wayfoot	Ches. M.	Double Court
19	C. Timson	Brown M.	Sum King
20	Chau Hoo	Bay M.	Polycaste
21	O. K.	Bay M.	Widja
22	Kwong Hung-wang	Ches. M.	Midnight Frolic
23	J. F. Macgregor	Ches. M.	Monash Valley
24	Dwasty	Ches. M.	Hebrus
25	Quartermaster	Ches. M.	Monash Valley
26	Li Bros.	Bay M.	Grand Alliance
27	Huo	Bay	Speartoe
28	John Peel	Bay	Modest Morn
29	D. L.	Brown M.	Tresco
30	Andrew Johnston	Ches. M.	Black Adder
31	S. W. Chan	Brown	Cheek
32	Weetoo	Bay	Sum King
33	H. Y. Chuong	Bay M.	Brewan
34	Mrs. E. Tong-son	Bay	Caravis
35	Choice	Brown M.	Caravis
36	Marber	Ches.	Caravis
37	Y. L. Y.	Bay M.	Comus
38	Mr. and Mrs. Stanton	Bay M.	Chrysolaeus
39	Tenley	Bay M.	Caravis
40	S. L. K.	Ches. M.	Prince Claro
41	L. W. K.	Ches. M.	Philens
42	Diamonds	Ches. M.	Third King
43	Li Po-chun	Bay	Magnesia
44	Yan Man	Bay	Excitement
45	Lucky	Ches. M.	Barleyspear
46	S. T. Williamson	Bay M.	Lorin
47	Mr. and Mrs. Y. Chuong	Brown M.	Civilian
48	Dr. S. N. Chau	Brown M.	Civilian
49	Ash	Brown M.	Magnesia
50	Y. H.	Bay M.	Seabound
51	Li Shiu-hong	Ches.	Piccolo
52	Shields and Stanton	Ches.	George Graves
53	Mrs. A. E. Grasett	Ches. M.	Double Court
54	E. S. K.	Ches. M.	Double Court
55	S. W. Lee	Brown	Comanche
56	Lee Bros.	Ches. M.	Balmorino
57	L. Dunbar	Bay M.	
58	S. M. K.	Bay M.	
59	J. H. Jensen	Ches. M.	
60	Cecilia		

**THREE REJECTED**  
It has always been the custom for the suppliers to ship along a few extra cobs and it may be of interest to know that only three out of the consignment of 64 ponies were rejected by the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club. It was the first time since the introduction of the imported batch of Australian ponies in 1937 that more than the first trial consignment of 20 animals landed here for the 1931 Annual Carnival. It will be recalled that the Stewards limited this year's order to sixty ponies, but the actual amount subscribed for by the members was just one over 80.

At one time some Chinese owners were not in favour of these animals from the Antipodes owing to the difficulty of breaking them. There was also some prejudice in another section that some ponies could not stand much racing. To cut the long story short, the tide has now turned in favour of the Australian cobs and they certainly provide better racing. I enumerate below a list showing the number of subscription griffins imported since 1931:

Year	Number of ponies drawn
1931	22
1932	23
1933	25
1934	26
1935	38
1936	43
1937	41
1938	41
1939	55
1940	61

### INCREASED NUMBER

Rooty-Hill Derby was first run in 1932, but if the classic event had been introduced a year earlier, Woodland Stag would have annexed the Blue Riband without any opposition. However the above list shows that the importation of Australian ponies was quite steady from 1936 to 1938 averaging 40 odd per year, but the number suddenly jumped up to 55 ponies this season and it looks that there is not much of a chance for the mercury to be much higher than 60 on account of the limitation by the Stewards. Owing to the size of our race track I am of the opinion that 60 ponies are beyond the limit and I shall not be surprised to see that the Sydney Maiden Stakes being divided into three sections.

This bunch of ponies, which will be seen in action at the 1939 Annual Meeting, has cost each owner an additional \$100 and the advance over last season's price was for an improved type of animals. The increase was certainly justified; in fact the consignment was far above

those of previous seasons, and there are 45 mares against 16 geldings. In perusing the list of sires I was glad to find that the chestnut pony No. 55, drawn by Messrs. Shields and Stanton, was by Puclet, who is the father of Strathroy. A full history of Mr. J. F. Macgregor's charger is not necessary here, but his pony collected to date \$12,350. The joint drawers of No. 55 should be pleased with their make.

### LIKELY ONES

There are five offsprings by Double Court and all are mares (four chestnuts and a bay). No. 12 was drawn by Ellandee, No. 19 by the Wayfoot, No. 59 by S. W. Lee, No. 61 by L. Dunbar and No. 62 bay mare by S. M. Kong. They are lovely animals, the youngest being No. 61, a three year old, drawn by Mr. L. Dunbar.

Among the racing fraternity, for all his offsprings have performed exceptionally well at Happy Valley, and the best four were Derby Day (won \$5,750), Centre Court (\$4,400), Double Fence (\$5,000) and Courtline Eve (\$4,883). In 1935 St. Kitts did not face the start, but in 1937 Such Fun collected \$300 and Bravado made \$150. The last two were geldings and therefore all the big wins were by the mares. I am sure the five new mares will be prominent at the big meeting.

The sire of Cockerel (\$1,850) is Brown, who sired No. 10 Bay mare drawn by Gredka and No. 34 bay mare owned by H. Y. Chuong. No. 29 belonging to John Peel was Mo-dest Morn, who sired victory Day (\$1,650) and the form book shows that the pony was very good over short distances.

By Tresco, Little Vic (1934) was a bad lady for unsound Chinese riding boys and jockeys, but her sister, Southern Cross (1935) annexed a couple of races, closing the season with a credit of \$1,200. The stable (D.L.) has drawn pony No. 30 by Tresco and the young brown mare is not a bad mover.

Mrs. Pearce has drawn a bay gelding No. 5 by Carma Younger who was the sire of Buck and Gamma of the 1934 class and Canterbury Girl of the 1936 lot. The latter started twice, but the other two never came under the starter's orders.

### UNSUCCESSFUL SIRES

There are a few more sires known to the racing fans, but the offsprings were never in the limelight. Fairy (1935) by Graeculus, Mount Pilatus (1935) by Black Adder and Broad-Lucky (1938) by Seabound were retired without being able to earn a



M. W. MacGrath  
Hongkong's loss is Bermuda's gain.

## RUGGERITE LEAVING COLONY

### M. W. MacGrath Goes To Bermuda

Local rugby circles will regret to learn that M. W. MacGrath, the Club full-back, has been transferred to Bermuda and will be leaving the Colony by the President Pierce tomorrow.

Since he came to Hongkong from Singapore two years ago, MacGrath has been turning out regularly for the Hongkong R.C. 1st XV, first as a three-quarter and later as full back. A most versatile player, he has also filled the fly-half position when the occasion arose.

During his two-year stay in Hongkong, MacGrath has held the post of Assistant Armament Supply Officer at H. M. Dockyard. A cable arrived a few days ago notifying him of his transfer to Bermuda.

MacGrath's cheery nature has earned him many friends in Hongkong and they will all wish him and Mrs. MacGrath the best of luck in their new sphere of activities.

## INDIAN CRICKET "FIND"

### Claims Of Fast Bowler

London.  
Yet another candidate for All-India cricket honours is about to leave for India—Devraj Puri, the Punjab fast bowler, who has spent the past three years in England. He is a son of Mr. B. R. Puri, a widely known Lahore barrister.

Puri came into prominence in India as fast bowler when he was at Government College, Lahore, and captained the Punjab University XI in the winter of 1935-36. Even prior to that date, however, he had played against the M.C.C. during their 1934-35 tour of India. When the late Maharaja of Patiala brought an Australian XI to India in 1935-36, Puri appeared against Ryder and his men with moderate success in two matches, including one of the unofficial Tests.

Arriving in England in the following summer, Puri quickly jumped into prominence in London club cricket circles as a member of the strongest side ever fielded by the Indian Gymkhana. His possibilities were clearly foreseen, and he had the good sense to correct a faulty and prodigiously long run to the wicket. Cutting it down to 12 or 14 paces, and curing himself of a midway interruption which used to detract from his speed, Puri succeeded in maintaining his great pace (which definitely admitted him into the category of "fast bowler") and in increasing his accuracy.

cent to pay for their hay and corn. True Blue, Helium and Schusterling were sired by Polycaste and the last named pony managed to collect only \$100. It is, however, hoped that the 1940 new lot of maiden mares and geldings by the above sires will turn out to be good "uns."

Caravis, who is a sire unknown to us, is well represented by ponies Nos. 1, 35, 37, 38 and 42 and they are a nice bunch. Pony No. 23 by Midnight Frolic is a good trotter and when she puts on a few pounds more of flesh and fat, the mare will be another animal. Personally I like Nos. 36 and 50, both sired by Lorin and the two brown mares have the making of first class ucers. All the ponies are at present lacking in substance and strength and in the circumstances it is pretty hard to say who has the best flower of the stock.

It is interesting to relate that there is not a single progeny in 1940's bunch by Tom McCarthy, who sired Lucky Lad, Chiltern and Candlelight.

## VISIT OF INDO-CHINA SOCCER XI POSTPONED

(By "Abe")

Hongkong football enthusiasts may not be able to have the pleasure of seeing the combined Haiphong-Hanoi soccer team in action after all. The team, which was due to arrive in the Colony yesterday, did not do so.

Only the manager of the team, Mr. Sammy Tsang, arrived by the s.s. Canton and he explained to officials of the Eastern Athletic Association, sponsors of the visit, that the present international situation had caused some doubts in Indo-China as to the advisability of sending a team to the Colony at the moment.

He has been sent here by the Indo-China soccer authorities to discuss matters with the Eastern officials.

Up to now it is not yet decided whether to call off the whole visit or merely postpone it. An official of the Eastern Athletic Association told me this morning that a cable had already been sent to Indo-China, and pending a reply he could not say definitely one way or the other.

**MAY COME NEXT WEEK**  
But the Eastern A.A. are trying to persuade Indo-China to send a team here next week.

Mr. Sammy Tsang is the former Eastern goal-keeper; he is now working in Indo-China. He played in several representative matches while in Hongkong a couple of seasons ago and is partly responsible for arranging the tour.

Three matches had been arranged for the visiting team in the Colony, first against the second against the Chinese Federation and the third against the Rest of the Colony.

## Bowls Teams For Saturday

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. in the Lawn Bowls League (First Division) against the Kowloon C.C. at Happy Valley tomorrow:

E. W. Simmonds, J. Deakin, A. W. Grimmit and F. Jones (skip); S. Eccleshall, W. J. Burling, L. A. Collyer and H. Strange (skip); R. Davis, R. L. Wood, N. Hakusen and J. Hollidge (skip).

**INDIAN TEAM**  
The following will represent the Indian R.C. in their away match against the Club de Recrelo "A" at 3.30 p.m.:  
D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah (skip); J. Hosen, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (skip); A. H. Rumjahn, A. Baker, A. O. Madar and M. H. Abbas (skip).

## H. COTTON ON GOLF RULES

Henry Cotton, Winner of the Open Golf Championship in 1934 and 1937, writes in News of the World, "Rules of golf receive strange interpretations sometimes. I read that Miss Pann Barton teed up in front of the discs when qualifying for the American women's championship. She was penalised one stroke. I thought the penalty was disqualification. She is not alone in this offence, however."

"Several times in big events this year I thought that my partners drove off in front of the discs and might have exposed them. But as it means such a little advantage and is a difficult thing to prove unless the tee peg remains in the ground, it is best not to see these things. Besides, the risk of beginning an argument would probably be almost more upsetting to oneself than to the culprit. I know that it is against the rules of the game but although I might win an event by proving that a fellow competitor had teed up about three inches out-side the line between the discs, I should hesitate to claim. I should prefer somebody else to do this type of "dirty work."

Actually many players are just

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## Sanchez, Ampon Will Play U.S. Davis Cup Stars

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (UP).—The Philippines Davis Cup players will have to meet the United States cup stars at their first opponents in the national singles tennis championships opening at Forest Hills, Long Island, Sept. 7.

Bobby Jiggs, mainstay of the American Davis Cup squad, will meet Felicissimo Ampon of the Philippines in the second round. Both drew first-round byes. Frankie Parker will meet Amado Sanchez in the first round.

### Hockey

## A Successful Year For Association

A generally satisfactory year and an improved financial position were reported when the Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association was held in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday.

Mr. A. A. Dand was re-elected President. In his absence last night Mr. G. E. R. Divett presided.

The Annual Report recorded that, because of the nature of the duties of the naval representative, the Council had decided to allow the attendance of substitutes for naval representatives only. Lt. Gunner had been appointed to the place of Lt. Carver, who had resigned his position as naval representative because of his departure from the Colony. Lt. Douglas, Army Vice-President, had also resigned. Lt. W. Hunk had filled the vacancy.

The Secretary, Mr. R. Henderson, had left the Colony for good, and Mr. D. T. Smith had been elected in his place. A letter of thanks for his good work had been sent Mr. Henderson.

The Report, which was unanimously adopted, closed with thanks to people, organisations, and clubs for help they had given in placing equipment, grounds, and furniture at the disposal of the Association. The financial statement disclosed an excess of income over expenditure of \$31.07, which was appropriated as follows:—Reserve against bad and doubtful debts account, \$5; Interpol fund account, \$23.21; carried forward, \$3.06.

### Election of Officers

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted:

President, Mr. A. A. Dand; Vice-Presidents, Lt. G. W. Hook, R.A., Roy J. Higgs, and Commander Milner-Burry, R.N.; Honorary Secretary, Mr. D. T. Smith; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. A. M. Xavier; Civilian Council representatives, Messrs. G. E. R. Divett, A. E. P. Guest, J. Gonstives, and Mr. L. Tyler.

The Army and Navy players have to elect their own representatives. careless about the rule but one day somebody will be disqualified and then more attention will be paid to the law."—Our Own Correspondent.



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*DEHAT	0,000	20th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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NELLORE	7,000	4th Oct.	Japan, Shanghai & Japan.
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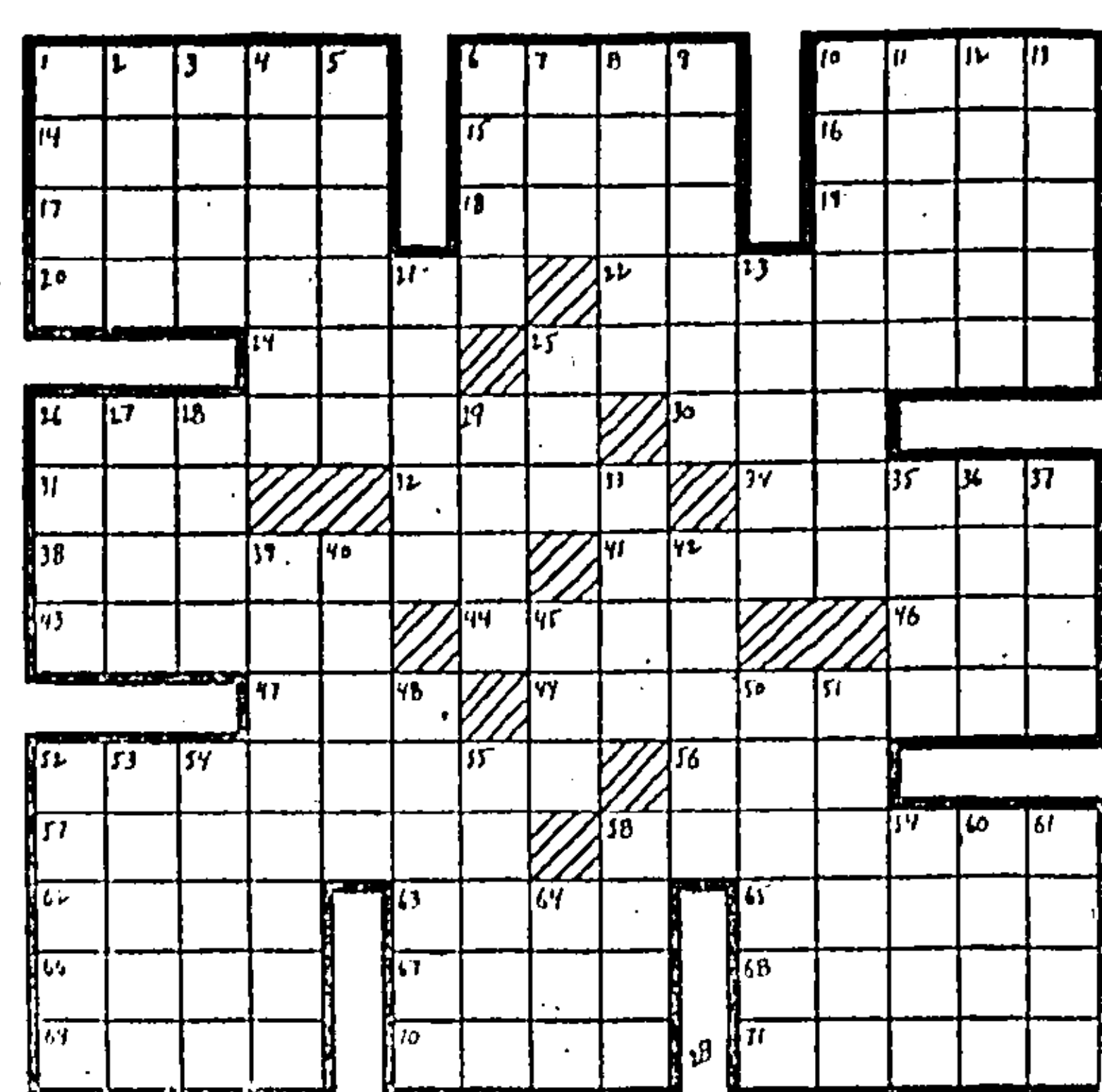
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ACROSS

- Barber, instrument
- Star
- Drum
- Thick cord
- Effective stroke
- Ringed
- Living forth young
- Land-like snow on mountain (French)
- Conqueror
- Train of results
- Go to right
- Corrected as accurate
- Itself to mind
- Exist
- Members of fraternal
- Focus one side
- Teat with office
- Formally
- Effort of endearment
- Shine around
- Grow old
- Thus things
- Made before
- Disease of sinners
- Chopping tool
- Quarantined
- Circle in trap
- Preys engaged
- One of time
- Fast-Indian plant producing cotton substitute
- Joint of leg

DOWN

- Killing
- Practise around
- Strike money
- Exact satisfaction
- State up for
- Throne in favor of prohibition
- Small piece of ground
- Make explanation for
- Japanese coin
- Long rib
- Withers
- Small piece of ground
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- Withers



## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

### Purchase in Hongkong To Be Restricted

In order to conserve British foreign exchange resources dealings in Hongkong in all currencies other than sterling and currencies linked with sterling will be restricted as from September 8, 1939. It will only be possible to purchase "foreign" exchange from an authorized dealer, that is, one of the principal British or foreign banks operating in the Colony, and such exchange will only be sold for the following purposes:

To enable a contract made before 3rd September, 1939, to be complied with.

To meet the reasonable requirements of a trade or business.

To defray reasonable travelling or other personal expenses.

The currencies subject to this restriction will include the following:

—U.S. dollars, French francs, Philippine pesos, guilders, Chinese dollars, Argentine pesos, Canadian dollars, Swedish crowns, Belgian francs, Norwegian crowns, Swiss francs.

No restriction on dealings in sterling and currencies linked with sterling is at present contemplated.

The public should continue to transact business in foreign exchange through their bankers.

Foreign Money Order business in respect of small amounts will for the present be continued. The authorized banks are being required to obtain satisfactory evidence from all applicants for exchange to show that the exchange is required for one of the purposes stated in paragraph one. Forward transactions in restricted foreign currencies will be permitted only for genuine commercial purposes.

Export of bank notes, gold, securities and foreign currencies is prohibited except with permission, for which application must be made through a bank. The export of Hongkong bank notes and Chinese bank notes is, however, being freely permitted by special order of the Governor for the time being.

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The names of the Banks authorized to act as dealers will be published in the Gazette.

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### STREET OBSTRUCTION European Motorists Fined For Bad Parking

A fine of \$5 was imposed on G. Merriman, of the Import and Export Department, by Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy yesterday for causing an obstruction with his car in Queen's Road Central on August 25. Merriman said his car broke down, and, though he telephoned a repair station, nobody arrived until late.

Summoned for a similar offence, L. Well, of Pokfulam, was fined \$5. Well left his car parked almost in the centre of Pottinger Street, leaving only enough room for a small car to pass.

B. Shick, of the Hongkong Hotel, was fined \$5 for leaving his car in the Pedder Street park for over two hours on August 24.

Mrs. Johnstone, of May Road, was fined \$5 for allowing her car to remain stationary outside the Hongkong Hotel for longer than necessary on August 25.

### BROADCASTING HOURS Monthly Transmissions By ZBW and ZEK

The August report of ZBW and ZEK shows that actual hours of transmission were 451, of which 231 were devoted to European programmes and 220 to Chinese programmes, as follows:

**ZBW (European)**  
Morning transmission, including church relays, 77½; evening transmission, 153½.

Apart from recorded programmes, the following items were broadcast: Studio concerts, 11; studio talks, 2; tongue twister bee, 1; relays (including church services), 15; Davenport relays (including news and cricket relays), 123; Sunday evening epilogues, 4; children's concert, 5.

**ZEK (Chinese)**  
Morning transmission, including church relays, 65; evening transmission, 155.

Apart from record programmes the following items were broadcast: studio concerts, 32; theatre relays, 2; studio talks (including Mandarin lessons), 29; and children's concerts, 9.

New licences issued were 200 and renewals 385, making a total of 9,735 licences issued during 1939.

### SNATCHER'S VIOLENCE European Woman Attacked In Kowloon Tong

While on her way to visit her daughter in Waterloo Road on August 21, Mrs. Emily Wood, of Embankment Road, was attacked by a man, who snatched her face and snatched her handbag. As a result, Chan Hoi, 26, was committed for trial by Mr. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of robbery with violence.

Det.-Sgt. Dowman said Mrs. Wood and her daughter, Lella, were in Waterloo Road, near Rutland Quadrant, when Chan attacked Mrs. Wood. He slapped her face and snatched her handbag, containing \$78.60, a gold watch valued at \$200, and a fountain pen. Chan was arrested by Lau Hing-yu, cook.

On her way to the police station, Mrs. Wood noticed pepper on her face. When Chan was searched, a packet of pepper was found.

Miss "Lella" Wood said she was about two yards behind her mother. She identified Chan as the attacker.

### PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society held a social gathering yesterday evening at St. John's Hall, Garden Road, in order to meet the hon. Musical Director, Mr. W. Robertson, and Surg. Capt. G. V. Hobbs. The opportunity was also taken to discuss the forthcoming production of "No, No, Nanette."



Daniel Nee, 39, victim of one of the battles in strike-torn Harlan, Ky., coal fields, kisses wife in hospital. He died later of bullet wound in abdomen, second fatality of the recent series of riots.

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## 42 of Crew Missing From One of Four Sunken Steamers SAVAGE SUBMARINE WARFARE ON ALLIED SHIPS AT SEA

Olivegrove, Well-Known in Hongkong, Is U-Boat Victim:  
Five Wounded, One Killed In Shelling of Manaar

Special To The "Telegraph"

LONDON, SEPT. 8 (UP).—SAVAGE AND UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE HAS BEEN OPENED BY GERMANY UPON ALLIED SHIPPING.

SINCE YESTERDAY FOUR BRITISH AND ONE FRENCH STEAMERS HAVE BEEN SUNK.

They are the 7,242-ton freighter Manaar, the 4,060-ton steamer Olivegrove (well known in Hongkong) the 4,852-ton Royal Sceptre, the 3,130-ton Ellerman liner Corinthian and the 3,734-ton French steamer Tamara.

42 MEN MISSING

Fears are entertained for the safety of 42 members of the crew of the Manaar, which was torpedoed without warning eighty miles off Cape Roca in Portugal.

Thirty survivors from the ship have been landed at Lisbon by the 1,582-ton Dutch steamer Mars, which arrived on the scene in response to the Manaar's S.O.S. calls.

The Manaar, which is owned by the Brocklebank Line in Glasgow, was en route to Calcutta. She was torpedoed by a German submarine at 5.30 a.m. yesterday.

ESCAPES IN GREAT WAR

The Manaar was a product of the Great War, being launched at the Connell Yards in Glasgow in 1917. She survived over twelve months of the German submarine campaign in 1917-18 but, by a peculiar irony, becomes one of the first victims of the 1939 War.

The doomed ship left Liverpool on September 3 with a crew of 88.

The submarine attack was launched so quickly that the crew scarcely had time to abandon ship.

Survivors told newspaper correspondents in Lisbon that the submarine came to the surface as soon as the lifeboats were launched, and commenced shelling the Manaar.

The Mars picked up survivors in three lifeboats. Among them were three sailors wounded by shrapnel and the body of one man who died before help could arrive.

**Saved By Portuguese**  
An unknown Portuguese steamer arrived at Lisbon an hour later with a further sixteen survivors. Two of these survivors were also wounded by shrapnel fire.

**Acquisition Of Gold**  
America's biggest trans-Atlantic liner, the 24,280-ton s.s. Washington, rescued 33 survivors of the freighter Olive Grove.

Earlier, Captain Giles Stedman, Commander of the Washington, informed the United States' Line's offices in New York that the British freighter was calling for aid off Cobi.

It is not known what happened to the balance of the crew of the Olive Grove which, launched at Glasgow in 1929, was well known in Far Eastern waters.

**French Ship Lost**  
The 3,734-ton French steamer Tamara was torpedoed one hundred miles west of Oporto, Portugal. No information is available regarding her crew.

Official confirmation was forthcoming from the Ministry of Information this morning of the torpedoing of the 4,852-ton British steamer Royal Sceptre.

Several other British steamers

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### Currency Dealings Banned New Regulations For Hongkong

TIGHT restrictions on the purchase, sale and loan of foreign currency and gold, and on the export of currency, gold and securities are announced by the Government in a "Gazette Extraordinary" published today.

The effect of the regulations, which are cited as the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, is that nobody otherwise than a person authorised by or on behalf of the Governor can henceforth buy, borrow, lend or sell foreign currency and gold.

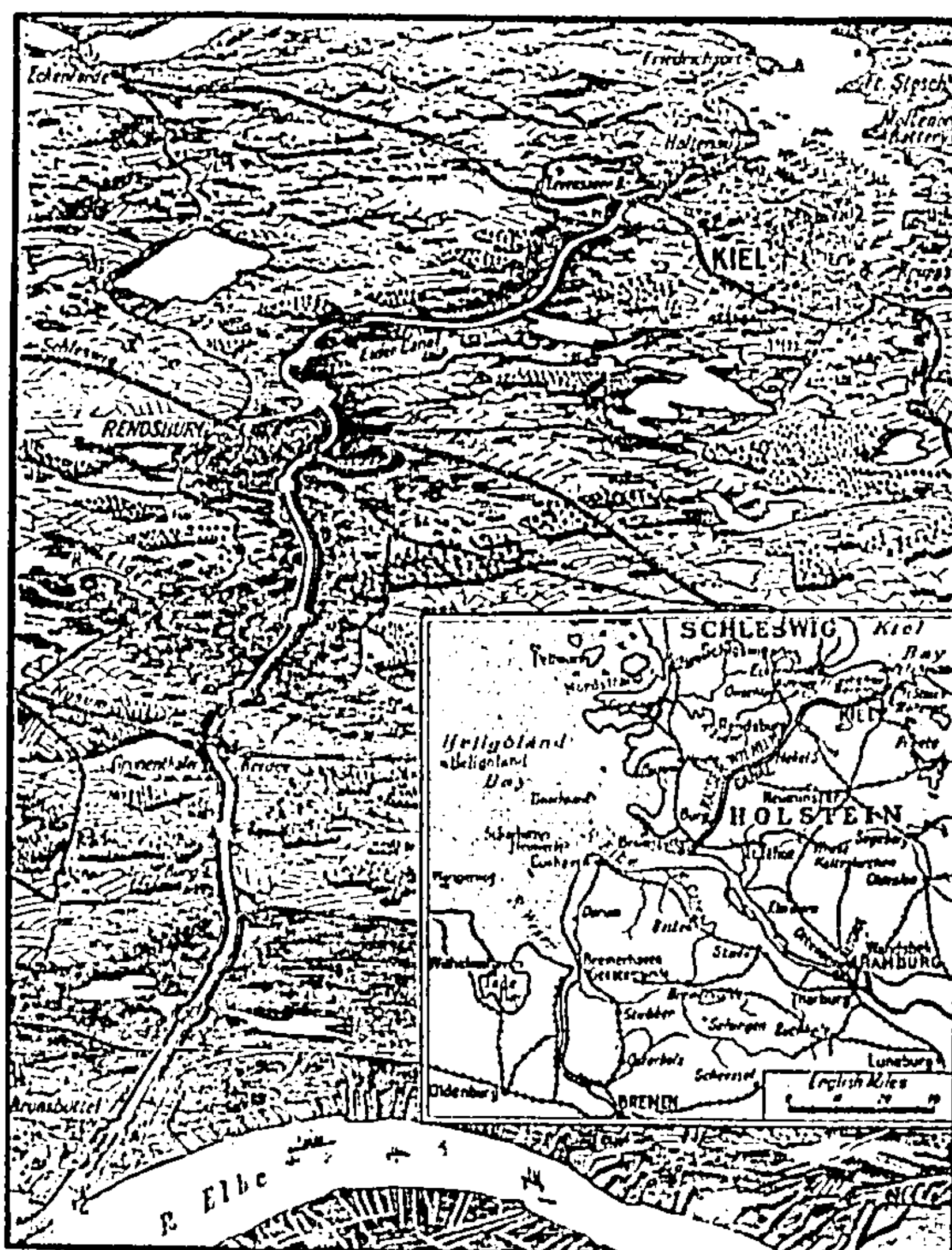
Restrictions on the export of currency and gold are also severe, although exemptions will be made by permit in the case of meeting reasonable trade requirements, defraying reasonable travelling or other personal expenses, or of performing contracts made before September 3.

Clauses in the regulations provide that anybody leaving the Colony must declare whether or not he has with him any bank notes, postal orders, gold, securities or foreign currency, and powers are given to authorised officers to search him and his luggage for the purpose of being satisfied on these points.

Goods being sent out of the Colony are also subject to examination.

The regulations contain a clause empowering the Government to acquire gold coin and bullion. It is stated that every person resident in the Colony who becomes entitled to sell or procure the sale of any gold, shall offer that gold for sale to the Hongkong Government at such prices as may be determined by the Government.

Exemptions from this apply to cases where those beneficially interested in the gold under trust are not resident in the Colony, where the gold is required for the purpose of performing a contract made prior to September 3, where the gold is held for the purpose of meeting reasonable trade requirements, or where the holder is exempted by the Governor or a person so designated. It is pointed out that bank notes mean bank notes which are legal tender in the British Empire or in any part thereof, that foreign currency means currency other than sterling, that gold means coin or gold bullion, and that security includes shares, stocks, bonds, debentures, stock and Treasury bills, but does not include a bill of exchange or a promissory note.



**FUNK-HOLE FOR NAZI NAVY.**—These two drawings, the smaller showing the geographical situation of Germany's naval bases in Heligoland Bay, are of peculiar interest in view of German submarine operations and the British aerial bombings of Wilhelmshaven. The Kiel canal, which is about 61 miles long, was built between 1887 and 1895.

### Nazis Fear Unrest Behind Lines Germans Concentrate Troops In Prague

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, SEPT. 8 (UP).—Further evidence of unrest behind the German lines is forthcoming to-day from various sources.

It has been officially announced in Berlin that a man was shot for refusing to make a labour contribution towards the "security of the State."

According to the "Solr", 60,000 German troops have been stationed in Prague to intervene in the event of a Czech revolt.

A proclamation has been posted throughout the city, warning that the entire Czech population will be held responsible for any acts of sabotage.

The Czechs have disbanded the Czech National Guards.

It has been officially announced in Bratislava that any Slovaks joining the Czech-Slovak legions in Britain, France or Poland run the risk of being shot as deserters if captured by the Slovak Army.

**Czech National Army**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, SEPT. 8 (UP).—The Czech-Slovak Minister to-day announced that the Czechs in France are being organized into a national army to fight on the French front.

The Czech population in France is estimated at 30,000, of whom 20,000 to 30,000 are capable of bearing arms. Thousands of Poles are also enlisting—the Polish population in France being estimated at 500,000.

The first contingents of Polish immigrants in France have begun concentrating at the military camp at Cosquidan in Brittany.

All Polish volunteers from neutral countries will be concentrated and

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### Danzig "Alcazar" Stormed

Gallant Defenders Finally Surrender

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

RIGA, SEPT. 7 (UP).

Word from Berlin says that Poland has lost her "Battle of the Alcazar."

Mr. George Kidd, Staff Correspondent of the "United Press", says: "For four days in Danzig I watched the battle—the attempt of a handful of Poles at Westerplatte, a fortress on a spit of land near Danzig, to repel German air, sea and land attacks."

"Almost every war produces some isolated act of heroism such as this. They said, at Westerplatte, that some cavalry and medieval warfare had returned in the midst of modern mechanised warfare."

**German Tribute**  
The German attackers gave tribute to the defenders for their valour when they surrendered.

"The outbreak of the war found between 70 and 200 men at Westerplatte, dug in strongly behind modern fortifications."

"Machine guns had been shrewdly placed. The defenders were well equipped with food and ammunition. It was there that the first shot of the war was fired, when the Schleswig-Holstein steamed into position on Friday and used her heaviest gun batteries, which battered the Poles with big shells throughout the day."

"However, Polish machine-gun fire completely shattered two German attempts to storm the stronghold."

**50 Bombs Dropped**  
"On Saturday, 22 bombers dropped at least 50 bombs on the fortress but the infantry were unable to storm it until to-day."

"Berlin advises that the Germans occupied the fortress when the surviving Poles surrendered."

**Surrender Confirmed**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, SEPT. 8 (UP).—The Polish Embassy confirms that the Polish "suicide battalion" at Westerplatte, in Danzig, has surrendered to the Germans.

There were only 250 survivors of the heroic defenders of Danzig's "Alcazar."

**YUGO-SLAVIA DENIES REPORT**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, SEPT. 7 (UP).—Competent quarters here deny the London Ministry of Information's announcement that Yugo-Slavia has decided on a general mobilization.

They stated that only a certain number of specialists and air craft technicians have been called up for brief training, but there is no confirmation of a general mobilization.

They added that the number of men called up is not greater than those called up a month ago.

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### Another Raid On Berlin

BRIEF MESSAGE FROM PARIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, SEPT. 8 (UP).—Polish warplanes have again raided Berlin, according to an announcement issued by the Polish Embassy to-day.

Further details have not been released.

Six German planes bombing Warsaw yesterday were shot down. One pilot made a parachute landing into Marshal Kovska Street, in the heart of the city. He was arrested.

**No Aircraft Action**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, SEPT. 7 (UP).—The Ministry of Information's communique said, "There has been no enemy air action against the United Kingdom" from 6 p.m., Wednesday to 6 a.m., Thursday.

**Attack On New Capital**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, SEPT. 8 (Domei).—Units of the Slovak Army, accompanied by German troops, started an offensive on Lublin, Poland's "war capital," on Thursday along the Weichsel River, according to information reaching reliable quarters here.

Poles are apparently offering stubborn resistance, falling back on their last defence lines along the Bug River north of Warsaw and the Vistula River linking Warsaw and Dabrowa.

**Troops Diverted**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, SEPT. 9 (UP).—It has been reported that six German divisions have been diverted from the Polish front to meet the French offensive on the western front.

The French are using 70-ton tanks mounted with "seventy-fives." The German counter attack on the western front has decidedly stiffened. The French troops are aiming at Neukirchen.

Artillery fire was heard at Luxembourg throughout last night.

**Gneissau Donal**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, SEPT. 7 (UP).—It is officially denied that British bombers sank the pocket battleship Gneissau. It is claimed that the vessel was not hit nor damaged in any way.

### LATEST

### AMERICAN INDIGNATION

NEW YORK, 8 (Reuter).—Official circles in close touch with Washington disclose that President Roosevelt may call a special session of Congress as early as next Thursday, in order to discuss revision of the Neutrality Act, the "New York Times" declared.

The paper adds that incidents like the sinking of the Athenia would quickly bring America's reactions to boiling-point.

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### PRICE CONTROL BOARD

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following gentlemen to be members of a board, known as the Prices Board, for the purpose of advising and assisting the Controllers of Food and Stores:

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The Controller of Food;

The Controller of Stores;

P. S. Cassidy, Esq.;

D. Mah-hin, Esq.;

D. Kelvin-Stark, Esq. (Secretary)

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### PREMIER'S PRAISE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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nations, they have declared their intention of co-operating in a cause which is no less precious to them than it is to the people of England. Mr. Arthur Greenwood thanked Mr. Chamberlain for his statement and asked the Premier to keep the country informed, promptly whether the news was good or bad.

If the magnificent statement about the Kiel action had been published on the day it had occurred it would have heartened the people. Mr. Chamberlain said he did not want to circulate any information until all the facts had been ascertained, but with experience hoped they would do better in the future.

### Doubts Dispel

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech has served to dispel any belief that Britain and France might be inclined to temporize with Hitler and discuss a general settlement after Germany has accomplished a lightning conquest of Poland.

Firstly, it is understood that the Polish Ambassador to London has reported to his Government that the British War Cabinet is unflinchingly determined to smash Hitlerism. Secondly, the inclusion of Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden, sworn foes of Nazism, in the Cabinet. Thirdly, the "Times" statement that Hitlerism must be ended.

### GERMANS CONCENTRATE TROOPS IN PRAGUE

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trained at this camp to fight on the Western Front. In London the Ministry of Information has announced that a Czech Legion is being formed under the auspices of the former Czech President, Doctor Edvard Benes.

**Nazis Tighten Grip**  
BERLIN, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Ministerial Council has proclaimed a number of decrees permitting the unlimited lengthening of working hours and making it difficult for anyone to leave a job.

Those affected include ship's crews, who have been ordered to unload ships cargoes if necessary.

The emigration of Jews from Germany has practically ceased since the commencement of the war, although a trickle is still going on to the United States, South America, Denmark and Italy. The number of Jews assigned to jobs by the official Jewish Labour Exchange is growing daily as a result of the withdrawal of Germany's manpower to the Army.

### STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The few transactions reported indicate that amongst others H.K. Banks, Unions, Docks & Lands have more or less found their level, but an air of some uncertainty still exists with the remainder of the list.

Hongkong Banks \$1,200

H.K. Docks \$14 1/4

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**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS**  
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Hennessy Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Content in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	No. 5501	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 5501, Hennessy Road.	N. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	40,000	1,800	\$44
					As per sale plan.	\$24,530

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### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Content in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	No. 5502	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 5502, King's Road & Wing King Street.	N. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	40,000	1,800	\$44
					As per sale plan.	\$19,810

### Vacation Goes Up in Flames

Greenwich, Conn. Mrs. Hazelene Orr saved \$100 for a vacation trip and put it in a paper bag for safe keeping. When it disappeared she called police. An investigation was in full swing when Mrs. Orr suddenly remembered with grief she had absent-mindedly tossed the bag into an incinerator with other rubbish and burned her savings.

## CANADA AT WAR

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of the United Kingdom and the rest of the Commonwealth."

### Egypt Severs Relations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Ministry of Information has announced that the British Government has been officially informed that the Egyptian Government has decided to sever diplomatic relations with Germany.

### Iraq Joins In

BAGHDAD, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Iraq has decided to sever relations with Germany. It is learned in London that Iraq has informed the German Minister that he must leave the country within 24 hours, and the Iraq representative in Berlin has been instructed to ask for his passport. A number of Germans in Iraq, connected with the military or otherwise, who are regarded as dangerous, have been interned.

### Princes Pledge Services

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—To date 33 Indian princes have sent messages of loyalty to the King-Emperor.

### Offer To Canada

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Mackenzie Battalions, which fought for the Spanish Government in Spain, has offered its services as a fighting unit of 1,000 men to the Canadian Government.

### Too Many Recruits

SIMLA, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—As so many offers for service have been received, the Government has found it necessary to request the public to continue in their ordinary occupations to avoid dislocation of industry.

### Indian Officers Called Up

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Officers of the Indian regular reserve have been called up. An ordinance issued yesterday covers the subject of the Indian air force volunteer reserve.

### Unintended Service

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—His Highness the Aga Khan, spiritual ruler of ten million Ismailian Mohammedans has called on his followers to give "unintended service" to the British cause.

### Offers By Princes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Maharajah of Travancore has offered to place six lakhs of rupees (£45,000) at the disposal of the British Government towards the cost of prosecuting the war. He has also offered the services of the Travancore army, subject to the requirements of internal defence, and has suggested that he raise a labour corps. The Maharajah of Bikaner has placed at the disposal of the King-Emperor the sum of half a lakh (£3,750) "for war purposes", while

## GREETINGS BY LABOUR

### British Party's Message To Co-Democracies

LONDON, Sept. 7 (British Wireless).—Mr. Arthur Greenwood's message to Poland said: "British Labour forms part of a united and resolute British Commonwealth of free nations, who with France have entered the struggle to overthrow the evil tyranny of Hitler, and to put a final end to lawless aggression, methods of violence, and use of war."

To French socialists, stressing that life without liberty and peace without justice is a mockery Mr. Greenwood said: "Our people have a passionate hatred of war. But they also have a passionate hatred of the Nazi Government. The British people have no just for domination, ambition of conquest, or any hatred of the German people, but are animated only by a resolute determination to overthrow the rule of force."

### This Is The Cause

"This is the cause for which we will fight till victory is won."

Sending Labour's fraternal greetings to Canada, Australia and Zealand, Mr. Greenwood said: "We, like you, promptly take a stand as part of the united British Commonwealth in the grim struggle against the latest act of Nazi aggression. The common people of many lands have been hurried into a cruel conflict by Hitler in furtherance of his ambitious aims at domination and conquest."

He added that the common aims were the final end to violence in achieving national purposes, restoration of the rule of law, and liberty of the peoples.

The Maharajah proposes to donate £1,000 for the same purpose.

### No Formal Declaration

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Sept. 7 (UP).—It is believed that Canada might refrain from a formal declaration of war, to enable her to act as a "back door" through which American supplies could be shipped to the allies. Baron Tweedsmuir told Parliament that the militia, air force and the Navy had already been placed in active service and said that other measures would be taken for defence of the coast.

"Proposals for further active action will be laid before you without delay," he concluded.

## SAVAGE SUBMARINE WARFARE ON ALLIED SHIPS AT SEA

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were also attacked, but were able to escape the submarines.

### Two Ships Escape

The 3,130-ton Ellerman liner Corinthian, attacked by a U-boat, managed to reach port undamaged, as did the 4,000-ton freighter Puk-kastin, which was attacked by a submarine only 45 miles south-east of Land's End.

A tabulation of the known survivors of the Athenia indicates that 128 are still missing. Officials believe that there is only the slightest hope that a few of the missing have been rescued by vessels not carrying radio equipment.

### Germany's Methods

Germany is by no means having everything her own way in the war at sea, and it is believed that there have already been several submarine casualties.

The Ministry of Information reveals that British destroyers escorting the 962-ton trans-channel ferry Batavia, on which the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, and his staff were returning to England, twice dropped five depth charges in mid-Channel.

Passengers aboard the Batavia state that the ship vibrated quite visibly as the depth charges exploded.

### German Ship Captured

The 667-ton N.D.L. (German) steamer Inn, captured by a British warship on Tuesday, was sunk by gunfire after the crew had been removed to safety.

Germany's sea strategy is expected to be based on warfare with ocean-going submarines and armed merchant-men.

This strategy differs vastly from that employed during the Great War, when Germany possessed 40 battleships and 60 cruisers. To-day she has only five battleships and eight cruisers. All her bases are inland and, as far as is known, all her surface warships are in home waters.

It is believed that approximately 65 German submarines are operating. Additionally, some merchant-men still at large may contrive to mount guns and operate as predatory destroyers of commerce.

### Clipper Sees Submarines

The Yankee Clipper, en route from Falmouth to the United States, reported this afternoon that she sighted two submarines five miles off the Azores.

### Prominent Markings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 8 (Domei).—Bearing prominent Rising-Sun emblems painted on its hulls and on the roof of the bridge, the 10,672-ton N.Y.K. liner Suwa Maru is sailing from Yokohama on Saturday as the first Japanese ship to proceed to Europe following the outbreak of the European war.

Each of the markings on the hulls is 17 feet 6 inches by 12 feet, while the emblem on the roof of the bridge is 20 feet by 16 feet.

## NEWS FLASHES

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NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (UP).—The liner Manhattan arrived here to-day, carrying a record number of passengers totalling 1,573.

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—All British subjects over 15 years of age must report to the nearest police station within 24 hours, according to a decree issued by the Minister of the Interior, Herr Frick. The order applies to nationals of Britain, Northern Ireland, the British colonies, protectorates and mandated territories, and India.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Canadian Government has instructed the Canadian High Commissioner in London to provide financial assistance to the Canadian survivors of the Athenia tragedy. Mr. John Kennedy, second son of the American Ambassador, has arrived at Glasgow to take care of the American survivors.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—After conferring with Turkish leaders a fortnight, the Turkish Ambassador to London has left Istanbul for England.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Discussions between the Secretary for the Colonies and the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia on the Rhodesia Nyasaland Commission have been suspended owing to the war. They will be resumed when circumstances permit.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—A Danish fishing boat was blown up in a minefield near Esbjerg, says a message from Copenhagen. All four members of the crew perished.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—United States liners arriving in Britain yesterday carried large American flags painted on the decks and on both sides of the ships. At night they fly floodlight flags and travel with all lights blazing.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—For the time being prices in Australia, have been fixed at those prevailing on August 31.

Refusal to sell at those prices renders the goods liable to seizure for sale by the Federal Government.

### Naval Official Seeks Powers Understanding

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 8 (Domei).—Rear-Admiral Kusaka, representing Vice-Admiral Koshiro Okawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet in China Waters, on Thursday called on the American, Italian and German authorities concerned in Shanghai and sought their understanding on the Japanese communications to the British and French naval authorities.

The nature of the Japanese advances to the belligerent Powers are not divulged yet.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (British Wireless).—Sir Frederic Leith Ross, chief economic adviser to His Majesty's Government, has been appointed Director-General of the Ministry of economic Warfare.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Sir George Mounsey, assistant Under-Secretary in the Foreign office has been appointed Secretary to the Ministry.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Sir Neville Henderson, and the former Berlin Embassy staff arrived at Gravesend to-day.

BURBANK, Calif., Sept. 7 (UP).—The Japanese goodwill plane Nippon hopped off from the Union Air Terminal at 9.4 a.m. P.M.T. for Albuquerque, N.M., on her next leg of her globe gliding tour.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—In the House of Commons, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told a questioner that the Government has no confirmation of the reports that the Germans dropped balloons filled with Yperite, or yellow cross gas, on Poland.

BERLIN, Sept. 7 (UP).—Nazi sources said they expect Hitler to return to Berchtesgaden for his week-end or early next week. It is reported that he will confer with the Italian Ambassador.

BELGRADE, Sept. 7 (UP).—The Regent-in-Council to-day proclaimed an amnesty for political prisoners. This releases almost all the Croats sentenced to imprisonment for terrorism, including the man who attempted to assassinate the former Premier M. Stojadinovich.

TOKYO, Sept. 8 (Domei).—The Japan Airways Company has decided to cancel its contract with the German Focke Wulf Aircraft Company for the purchase of five 40-seater passenger planes of the Condor type. Under the original plan, the five planes were to be flown to Japan by Japanese pilots in January, next year.

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—Over 6,000 men and women have been detained throughout Britain as a result of a Scotland Yard round-up of persons suspected of being enemy agents.

### Olympic Committee

San Francisco, Sept. 7. The German Consul-General in San Francisco has resigned his membership of the Olympic Club. He received a telegram warning him that 155 members had threatened to resign unless he did so.—Reuter.

## Old Resident Passes Away

### Lady Was Born In Hongkong In 1868

THE death occurred at the St. Paul's Hospital, Causeway Bay this morning, of Mrs. R. J. White, wife of the late Mr. R. J. White of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Canton. She had been ailing for the past ten years from a nervous complaint and died after being admitted into the hospital four days ago.

The late Mrs. White was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. A. G. Allen and was born in Hongkong in the year 1868. She was one of the oldest lady residents of the Colony.

By her first husband, Mrs. Connor, she had two daughters, Mrs. Andre Yelle and Mrs. Verge Beaumont, and a son, the late Mr. Cleve Connor, who served in the last War, holding the rank of Lieutenant in the British Army. He was killed in action in 1917.

By her second husband Mr. R. J. White, she had a daughter Mrs. Sam Howard, of Thornycroft. She is a sister-in-law to Mr. Frank W. White, share and estate broker.

The funeral will take place tomorrow passing the monument at 5.30 p.m.

The late Mrs. White is survived by her daughters, and grandchildren, Verge and Virginia Beaumont, and Janette, Yvonne and Coco Yelle.

## GUNBOATS ASKED TO DEPART

### Japan's "Friendly Advice" To British Navy

HANKOW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Japanese Consular authorities have forwarded a note to the British Consul-General, tendering "friendly advice."

In order to "prevent incidents" it is stated, the Japanese warships Peterel and Scobee should leave port.

The note specified that the Japanese military authorities would guarantee the safety of all Britons in Hankow. The British Consul-General in reply said the question was being referred to the proper authorities.

Two Japanese warships later steamed up and anchored close to the two British gunboats, and another Japanese warship lay off a French gunboat.

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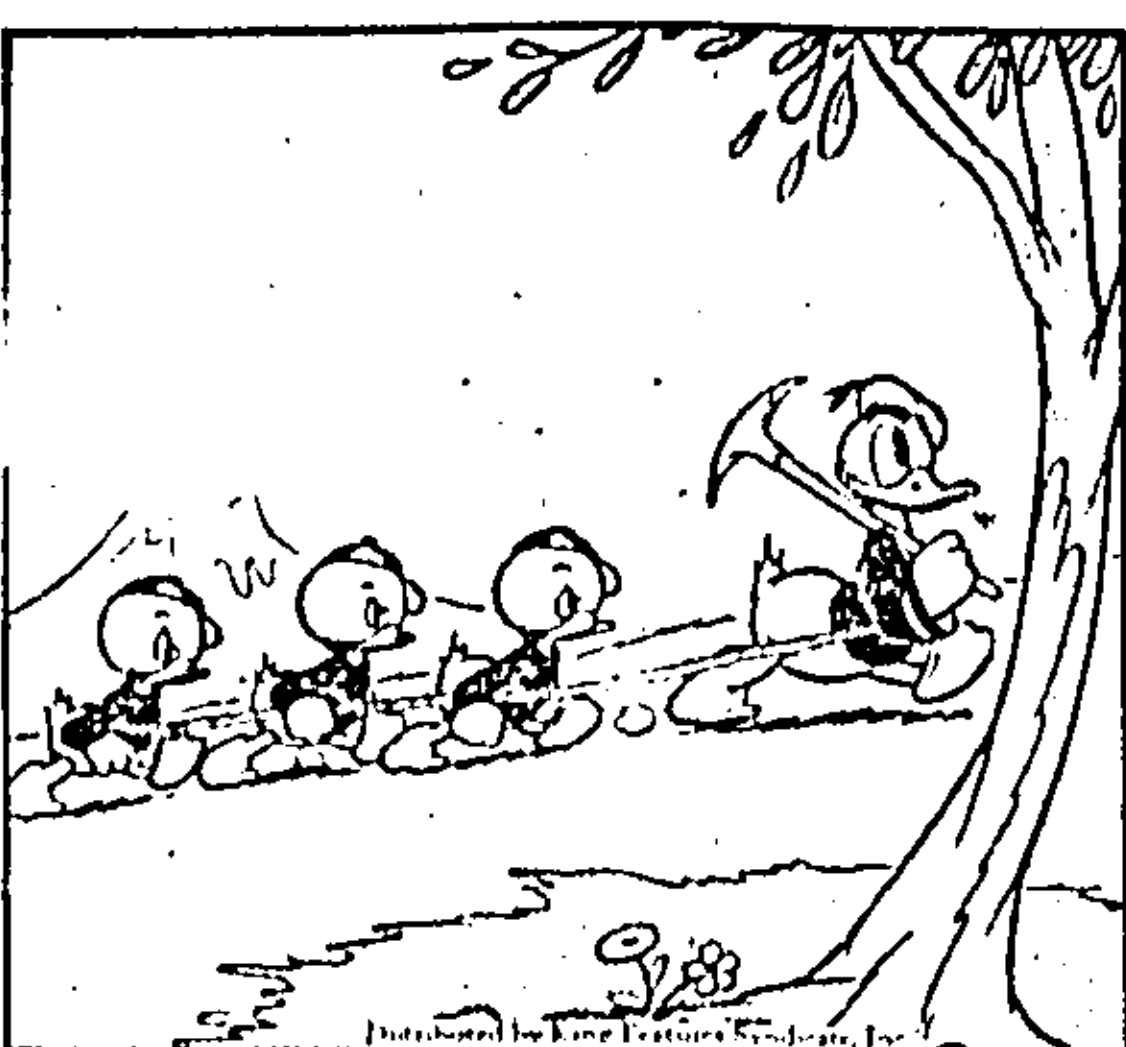
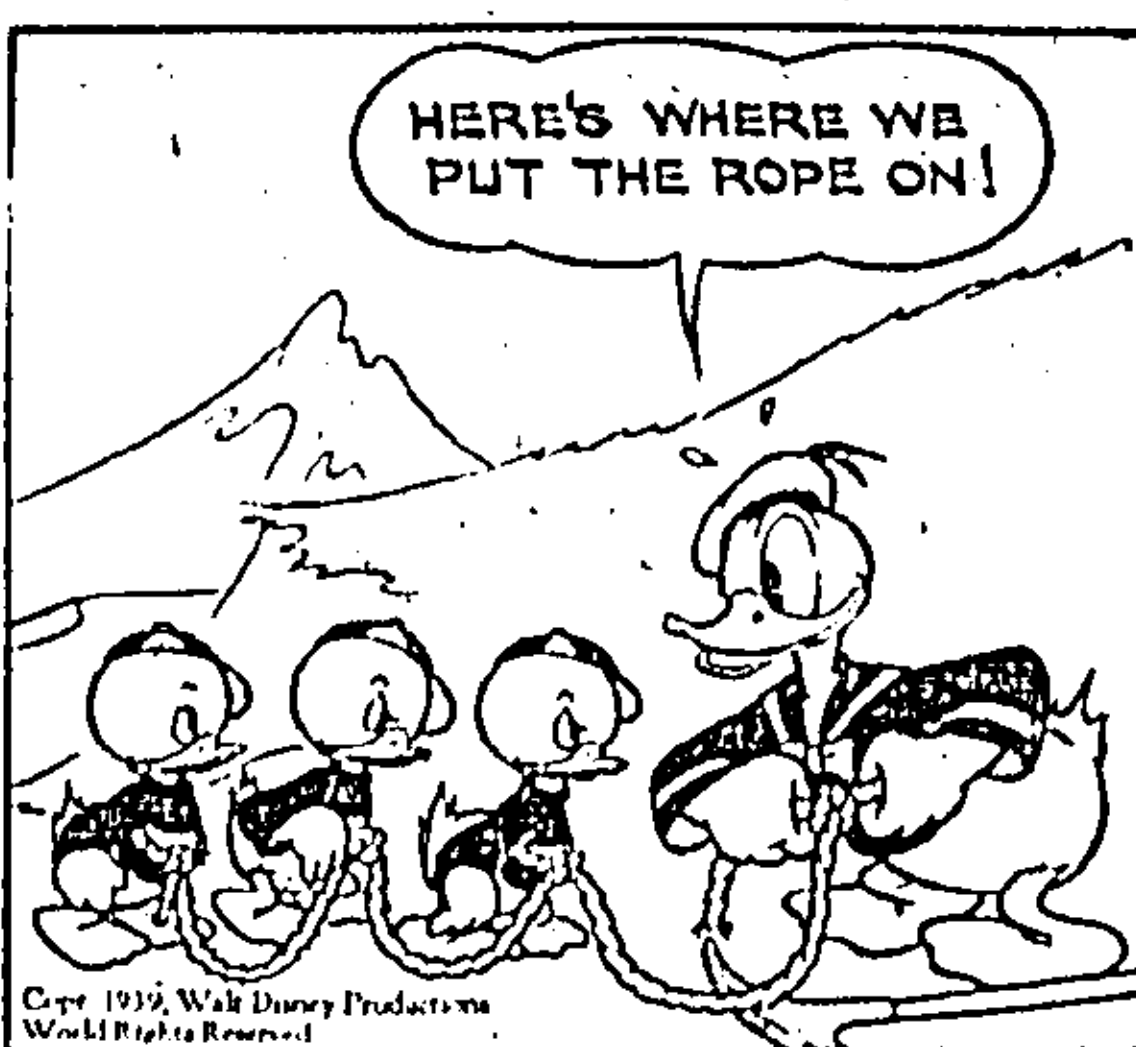
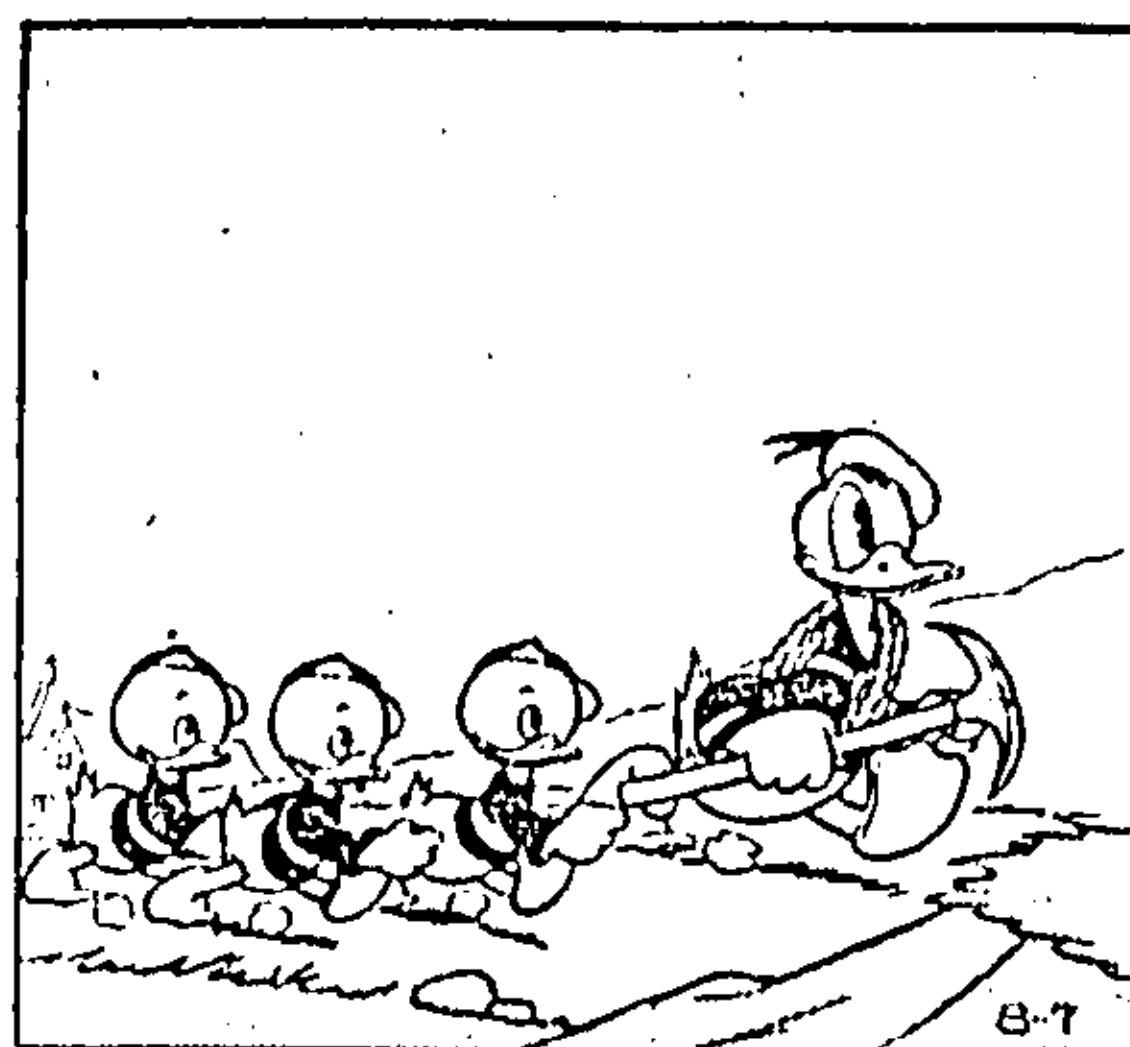
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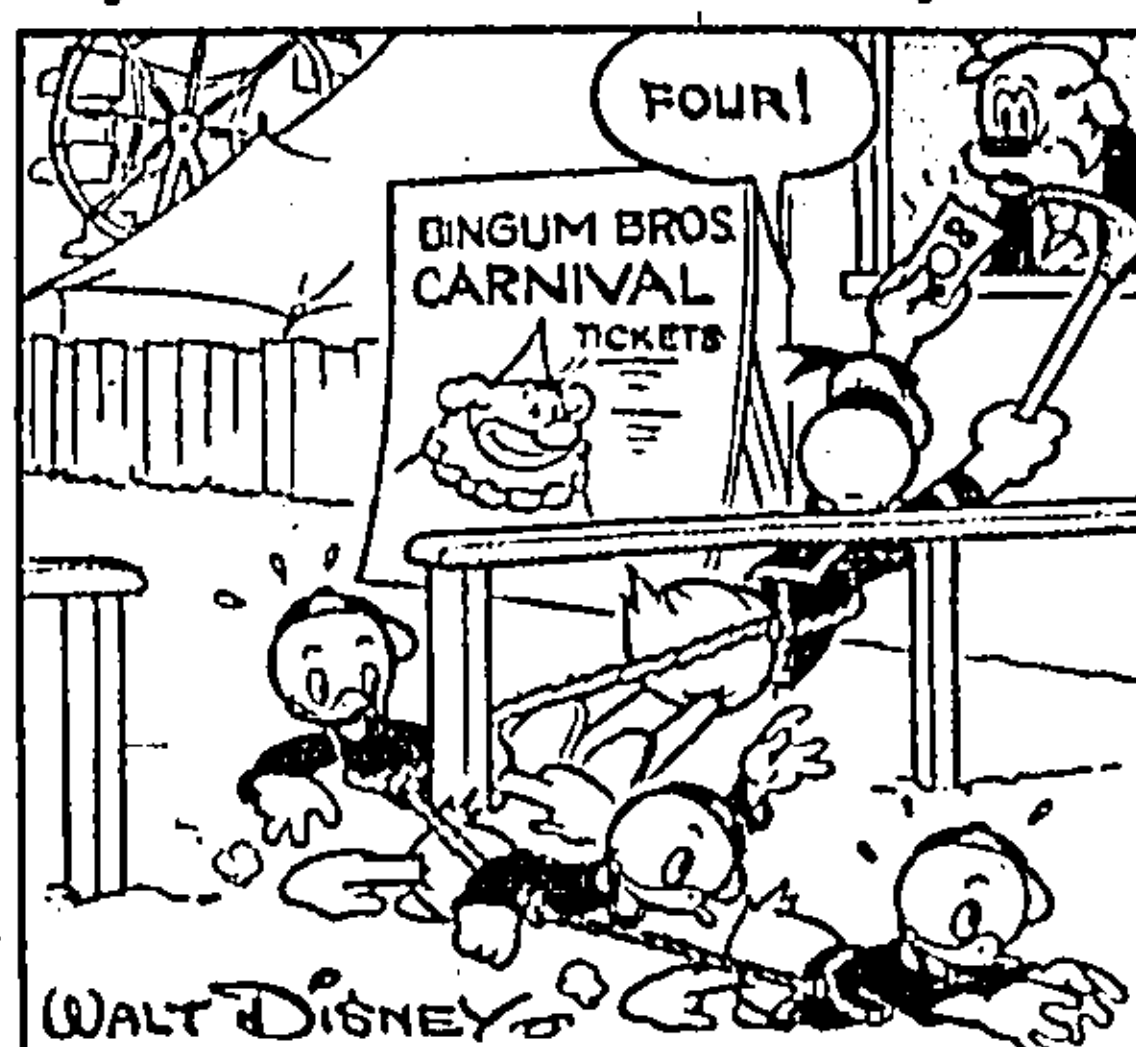
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LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—The British Government is resolutely determined to wage war until the Nazi regime, as constituted under its present leaders, is destroyed and will refuse to be caught by any manoeuvre by Hitler for a premature peace before that objective is achieved.

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& Italy  
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Rome Forecast

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Sept. 8 (Domei).—Negotiations for the maintenance of Italy's neutrality in the European war between M. Pierre Laval, former French Premier, and Signor Mussolini are making satisfactory progress in Rome, according to information reaching here.

The report claims that at the Rome conversations, M. Laval is making the following proposals as conditions for Italy's neutrality.

Firstly, the Italian nationals in Tunis be accorded full protection and satisfactory treatment.

Secondly, maximum reductions, approximately amounting to 40 per cent, be made in the Suez Canal tolls for Italian vessels.

Thirdly, Djibouti, in French Somaliland be opened to Italy as an open port.

Fourthly, the French Government use its good offices for extending credits amounting to 20,000,000,000 francs to Italy by Britain.

## Italy's Neutrality

TOKYO, Sept. 8 (Domei).—Italy has definitely decided to remain neutral in the European war, according to the Rome correspondent of the "Asahi Shimbun".

The correspondent understands that this decision has been made in accordance with the secret provisions attached to the Italo-German Alliance.

Included in the secret provisions are:—

Firstly, the Danzig issue should not

The British foresee, and are prepared for, a manoeuvre by Hitler after he smashes the Polish Army whereby the Fuehrer is expected to attempt to inveigle the British and French into a quick peace at Poland's expense.

## Long And Bitter War

But the British are prepared mentally and morally, and are preparing materially, for a long and bitter war.

"Nearly everyone I talk with, both military and layman, feels that the war may last several years," writes Mr. Webb Miller, General European News Manager for "United Press."

"Each day signs accumulate that Hitler's plan of campaign, which I outlined on August 23 before the war started, is so far being followed."

"Firstly, Hitler has not declared war against Britain or France; secondly, he has made no offensive move against the British and French on the western front; thirdly, a Nazi Foreign Office spokesman told neutral correspondents: 'Germany is taking no action against the western front'; fourthly, Hitler, as far as is known, is concealing from the German people the French movements against the Siegfried Line; fifthly, the Italian inspired press is hinting that the British and French may 'listen to reason' after Poland has been smashed and suggests that Italy may then have an opportunity to mediate."

## Morale Collapse

"The sole, bare hope here of a comparatively brief war is that of a collapse in German morale," continues Mr. Webb Miller.

"This is based on reports of internal dissensions and lack of enthusiasm for war, which the British are attempting to fan by leaflet raids in which about twenty million leaflets have so far been scattered in Germany."

be the cause of a war.

Secondly, in case general conditions made, war necessary, it should be carried out in 1941.

At the time of the conclusion of the German-Soviet non-aggression pact, the Italian Government kept in touch with the negotiations, the correspondent claims. The Italian Government has decided to dissociate itself from the negotiations for conclusion of a German-Soviet military alliance which are at present in progress at Berlin.

Concluding, the correspondent says that it was still doubtful whether the Italian policy would be continued hereafter.

SITUATION  
IN CHINAButler Tells House Of  
Latest Developments

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Questioned regarding the four Chinese prisoners in Tientsin, Mr. R. A. Butler stated in the House of Commons to-day that in view of the decision of the High Court in London and the notification previously given to the Chinese and Japanese governments, the British Government had decided that the men could no longer be detained.

The Consul-General in Tientsin had been instructed accordingly to hand the men over to the local Chinese court.

Mr. G. I. M. Mander (Liberal) objected and said that the men should not be handed over while an appeal was pending.

Mr. Butler said that the High Court had decided that a writ of habeas corpus could not be issued in a foreign country.

## Hongkong "Confessions"

With reference to the alleged confession of two Chinese in Hongkong, Mr. Butler said that every relevant fact had been taken into consideration.

Mr. D. N. Pritt (Labour) objected that in view of the new proceedings it was most improper to surrender the men.

Mr. Butler replied that Mr. Pritt could rest assured that where many technical and legal matters were concerned, the Government had taken the best advice obtainable and had regard for the decision of the High Court.

## General Situation

Making a statement on the general position in the Far East, Mr. Butler said that hostilities had for some time been on a very restricted scale, though operations of some importance appeared to be in progress from the beginning of May on the Mongol-Manchu frontier.

In an aide memoire on September 5 to representatives of Britain, France, Germany and Poland, the Japanese Government stated its intention to concentrate efforts to settle the dispute with China.

Sir Robert Craigie's conversations with the Japanese Government were at present in suspense. The British Government made it clear that they were anxious to continue the conversations in the hope that agreement might be reached on all outstanding points.

Meanwhile, the situation in Tientsin was unchanged, except insofar as it was complicated by the floods.

TRAIN ROUTES  
RE-OPENED

LONDON, Sept. 7, (Reuter).—Train services between Rome and Paris will be resumed to-day.

Train services between Switzerland and Italy have already been resumed. The Orient Express will now travel as far as Paris instead of ending the service at Milan.

The Belgium air line resumed service yesterday between Belgium and England after having suspended its schedule for a week.

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### War Waste

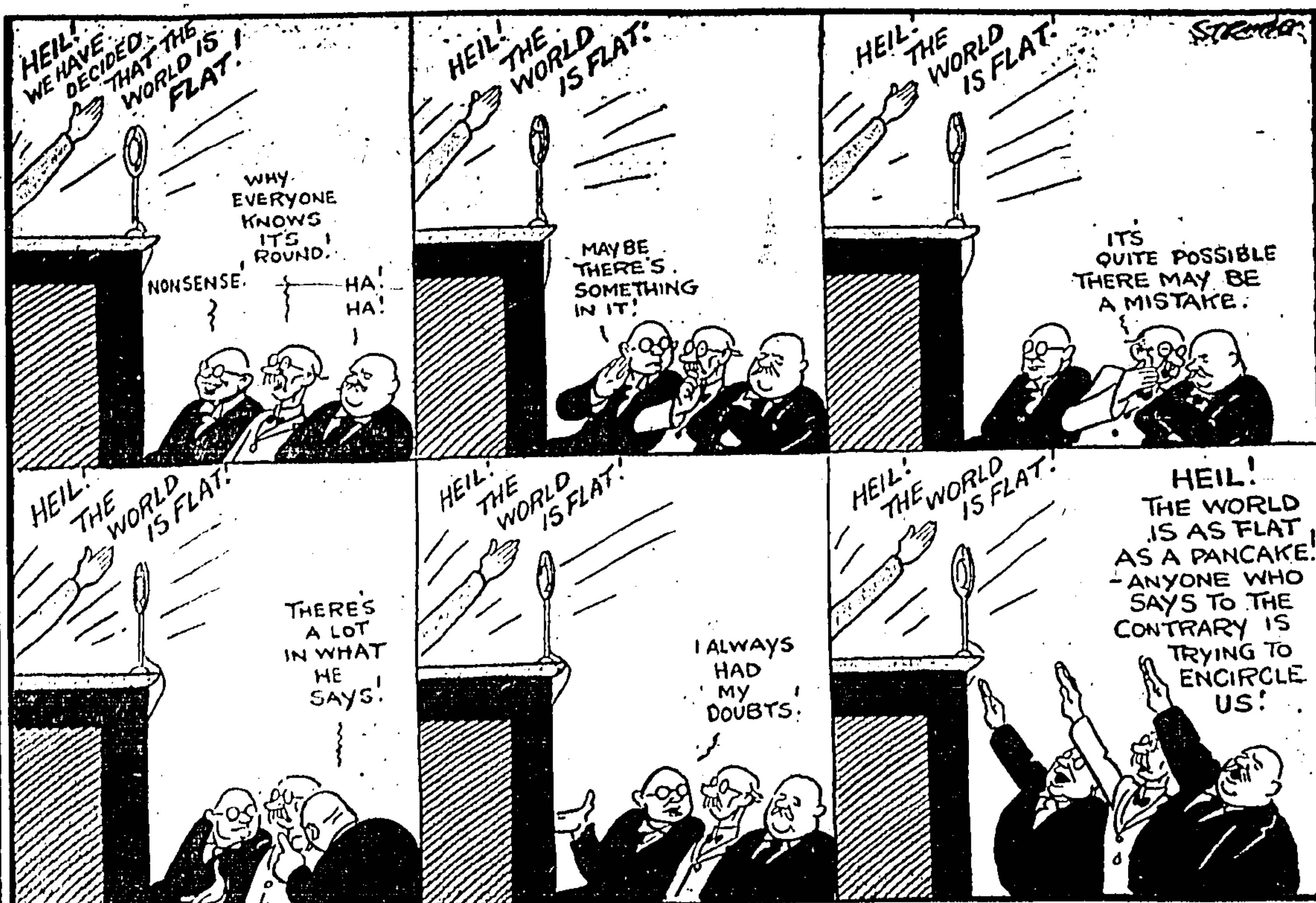
THE deplorable wastefulness of war is painfully exemplified by what has taken place in China since the beginning of this year. In the last seven or eight years hundreds of miles of motor roads were completed in Hunan and Kiangsi, linking the principal towns. It was a work of very great difficulty and labour. Thousands of bridges and culverts had to be built, and in hilly regions the track had to be hewn out of the solid rock.

This made an enormous change for the better in the social and economic life of the people. But it had other and unforeseen results. This network of roads enabled the Japanese to make rapid advance on towns evacuated by Chinese troops and civilians.

To prevent this the Chinese have resolved to destroy utterly what they had accomplished at such cost.

A correspondent of the *Times* tells how thoroughly this act of sacrifice has been carried out. He says that these roads, covering an area the size of England and Wales, have been entirely destroyed. Thousands of men are working to make rebuilding impossible. Every bridge and culvert has been torn down or blown up. Deep and wide trenches have been dug at intervals of a hundred yards. Even the old paths through the rice fields and over the mountain passes have been obliterated. On low-lying land the way has been ploughed and flooded, and is already planted with rice. It would be the work of a few hours to break up the narrow tracks that remain and leave the whole countryside a series of flooded valleys knee-deep in mud.

Much has been told in history of the heroism of hard-pressed nations flooding their country to impede the advance of invaders. But surely nothing on so extensive a scale as this in China. It tells more than many battles of the determination of the Chinese people to preserve their integrity and freedom at any cost.



IMPROPAGANDA

—Strube in the "Daily Express".

## Soldier Statesman

The Man who brought South Africa  
Into the War Yesterday

IF a world federation of States could be brought into existence to-morrow, there are a good many people who would vote for General Smuts as the best possible president.

He has that balance of gifts that helps to ensure both sanity and order. He combines moral idealism with hard practical sense. He is a fearless fighter, with a genius for compromise at the auspicious moment. He is a believer in liberty and a disciplinarian. And he has a versatile brain that seems capable of mastering any problem to which it applies itself.

I doubt, however, whether the mass of Englishmen have more than a vague knowledge of the personality and career of this extraordinary man. To most of them the facts related in Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin's biography, "General Smuts," published recently, will have the exciting freshness of news.

Comparatively few people even know that the Smuts who was afterwards to fight for the Boers against the British was born a British subject in the Cape of Good Hope. A feeble child, he was not expected to live long, and did not learn to read or write till he was 12 years old. He remained "pale and weedy" till he became a soldier in the war, but, to compensate for this, he possessed "terrific" energy, which was manifest even in his school days.

This was shown in the last week of his last term at school when, knowing no Greek, he had to learn enough Greek to pass his matriculation. "On Monday he took up his Greek grammar. . . . He read it violently for six days and then he knew it by heart, the whole book—declensions, conjugations, irregular verbs and all." As a result of this and similar exploits, he came out first in the examination.

He showed the same spirit of

determination in pushing himself through Cambridge with the aid of a scholarship and borrowed money. He intended to become a lawyer, and, with this object in view, he was scarcely even tempted by pleasure.

To the present day, he does not smoke or drink or play cards. He has always disliked dancing and games and "girls as girls." He cares nothing for pictures or music. He does not mind how he eats or lives. "He likes to be uncomfortable."

At the same time, his asceticism was never that of a man bent at all costs upon worldly success. He loved books—especially poetry, such as that of Whitman, which seemed to give life a meaning and purpose.

While at Cambridge, indeed, he wrote a book on Whitman which was rejected—with compliments—by George Meredith, then "reading" for Chapman and Hall.

Returning to South Africa, he was drawn to Cecil Rhodes as a worker for unity between the Dutch and the English. Shocked by the Jameson Raid, however, he joined the Transvaal Bar and became State Attorney under Kruger. Even so, he did all in his power to prevent war between the Dutch and the English. When compromise proved impossible, he entered on a new career and ultimately became a leader in guerrilla warfare comparable in some respects with Lawrence of Arabia.

That was the period of his life, he declares, in which he took the greatest "boyish" satisfaction. He found that he had "no bodily fear." He was temporarily indifferent to death and wounds, not only for himself but for others. "The men who were affected by the dead and wounded," he said afterwards, "were the neurotics."

Mrs. Millin gives us an unforgettable picture of this talented General, invading Cape Colony with his tiny forces, eluding the army of a great Empire—a soldier at once on the offensive and on the run, carrying a Greek Testament

and Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason" in his saddle-bag.

The present volume of Mrs. Millin's biography brings the story of General Smuts down only to the day in 1917 on which Mr. Lloyd George invited him to join the War Cabinet. But by that time he had already proved himself the great fighter and the great peacemaker that the world knows.

He had helped to make peace with the English at the right moment, and to preserve that peace by persuading the Liberal Cabinet to restore freedom to South Africa. He had faced rebellion and revolution at home indifferent alike to calumny and danger. And his wisdom was as remarkable as his courage. Speaking of the rebellion of 1914 he said: "Was not the rebellion of 1914 quite understandable? We understood it and treated the rebels with leniency."

General Smuts, however, would modestly disclaim any praise of himself as an ideal leader during those years and the years in which he fought the Germans in East Africa. He had "hungry, angry eyes," Mrs. Millin declares, till, at the age

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# Germany Responds To French Saarland Threat HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO WESTERN FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—Heavy German reinforcements are now apparently being rushed up to the threatened Saar region.

Communique No. 8, issued at 9.12 p.m. (4.12 a.m. H.K.T.) states that the German lines have been reinforced on the front between the Rhine and the Moselle Rivers.

## BROUGHT UP FROM INTERIOR

The communique adds: "The arrival of new forces from the interior of Germany has been signalled to our forces."

Heavy reinforcements have been seen arriving along the entire line of the Moselle front.

The Moselle, which runs through Alsace-Lorraine, the two French provinces wrested from Germany in 1918, enters Germany at Luxemburg's southernmost frontier.

According to yesterday's reports, fighting is heaviest in the Saar region, with Saarbrücken, the capital, apparently the French objective.

## HUNTING THE U-BOATS

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—A British communique states that there are no major naval operations to report.

Attacks on German submarines continue. At least in one case success appears probable.

German submarine attacks on shipping are taking place in various localities. The losses reported are the steamers Bosnia and Royal Sceptre. The Corinthian was attacked but escaped undamaged and has reached port.

It is reported that 26 German merchantmen, totalling 119,000 tons, have taken refuge in Vigo.

## Cracow Captured

Berlin, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—General von Brauchitsch, the German Commander-in-Chief, has proclaimed the capture of Cracow.

The proclamation states that Bromberg and Graudenz have been taken and the Corridor no longer separates East Prussia and Danzig from Germany.

## Polish Troops Bombed

WARSAW, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The Polish general staff, in a communique, says that German aeroplanes are bombing Polish troops.

There were several raids on Warsaw. Fifteen German planes were brought down yesterday and 20 to-day.

The Poles lost six planes. Fighting is proceeding at Lodz, Piotrkow, Tomaszow to the west of Tarnow, and in the north of Torun, Sierp and Clonk, where the enemy have been held.

## More Men Called Up

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—At noon to-day, the Agency Radio at Zurich reported a dispatch from the "Basler Nachrichten" at Hagen, saying that the Poles have mobilized six additional classes of officers and non-commissioned officers, regardless of age.

The Poles have announced the formation of two Czechoslovak Legions.

The newspaper also reports that women and children hurried hand grenades at the German forces at Ruylich in southern Poznan.

The press published a dispatch appearing in the Zurich "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" reporting from Berlin: "Western German frontier cities have been or are being evacuated."

"Evacuation of the French from frontier towns is believed to be completed."

## Hitler Bans Reports

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—From Brussels comes the news that the German papers are not printing anything about the fighting on the Western Front.

They carry jubilant reports, however, of the progress made in Poland.

## French Enthusiasm

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Sept. 7 (UP).—Paris and Lille experienced another 30 minutes air raid alarm this morning. No bombs were dropped.

The news of the British and French military activities and the arrival of the British Expeditionary Forces, together with the French penetration into the Saar basin, has brought great public enthusiasm in the French capital.

The chiefs of the political parties met to-day and are reported to have discussed the possibility of reorganising the French Cabinet on a National Union basis.

The Propaganda Minister, M. Jean Giraudoux, to-day said: "Thanks to conscription, Britain will be able to give us millions of men little by little. Many British air squadrons are to-day in our provinces on duty with our own."

The official war communique to-day reported marked activity "on both sides of the front."

## Warrior Evacuation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WARSAW, Sept. 7 (UP).—Every-

one who is able to borrow or beg a conveyance is abandoning the Polish capital as the rumble of distant German artillery fire becomes louder.

The imminence of an invasion is so real that people are inclined to talk in whispers. The Government has moved to Lublin, 100 miles south-east. The Embassies are closed.

## Protest To Japanese

Puppet Banknotes In Shanghai Area

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 7 (UP).—It has been learned that Great Britain has protested to the Japanese Government through the British Ambassador in Tokyo against the use of Japanese-sponsored banknotes in Shanghai.

Diplomats here expect a parallel protest to be made by the United States and France.

The increasing introduction of the so-called Hua Hsing dollars is regarded as a Japanese attempt to control Shanghai's import and export trade.

The British protest is understood to be designed to safeguard the Shanghai Customs Administration.

## STOCK EXCHANGE RESUMES

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—The London Stock Exchange resumed official business to-day, with prices generally firm and trading freer than last week.

Industrials were occasionally stronger and gilt-edged holdings were around the fixed minimum. West African gold shares met with a good demand.

The large demand for cotton was again unsatisfied on the Liverpool market as sellers withheld at to-day's posted prices.

Wall Street was firm.

## Duke Of Windsor Returning Home

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAP D'ANTIBES, Sept. 7 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor are starting to-morrow, by motor car on their return to England.

## Savage Japanese Attacks On Junks

## CREW RESCUED BY BRITISH WARSHIP

THE rescue by a British warship of a junk's crew, who, having refused to hand over a cargo of grass to a Japanese naval motor boat, were ordered to jump into the sea on threat of being blown to pieces, was related to the Hongkong police authorities when the Chinese master of the junk arrived here yesterday.

For 12 hours the crew of the captured junk struggled in the water, clinging for dear life to small pieces of wood, the only means they had of keeping afloat. When rescued by the British warship, the name of which is not revealed, the men were in a completely exhausted state.

The affair happened about five miles south-east of Waglan on Wednesday morning.

The junk, carrying a cargo of grass, was stopped by a Japanese naval motor boat, and ten Japanese, all armed boarded the junk and ordered the master and crew to transfer the cargo to the motor boat.

## Savagely Assaulted

Upon refusal, the Chinese seamen were savagely assaulted by the Japanese, who then ordered them to jump overboard and to swim for their lives. Failure to comply would involve being shot. The entire crew with the junk's master obeyed, the Japanese throwing small pieces of wood after them to which they could cling.

The junk was then towed away by the Japanese, leaving the Chinese to their 12-hour ordeal.

Another Japanese depredation is also reported by the master of a junk who says that his craft was set on fire by Japanese on Wednesday as he was sailing near San Mei in Chinese waters.

The junk was a total loss, and was valued at \$3,620.



Some of the teeth of Germany's Siegfried Line in Saarland. Anti-tank barricades stretching along the Franco-German frontier from Switzerland to Aachen, and which French artillery is now pounding vigorously.

## Mr. Chamberlain Reviews the War

## Premier's Praise For The Royal Air Force

LONDON, Sept. 7 (Reuter).—Continuing his statement in the House of Commons, outlining the progress of the war to date, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, declared:

"Apart from the case of the Athenia, there have been attacks on other British merchant ships by German U-boats, and three or four ships have been sunk."

"On our side the Admiralty has taken immediate counter-measures. British destroyers and anti-submarine craft have been very active and large reinforcements of anti-submarine and escort vessels are rapidly becoming available."

## Convoy System

"As Mr. Winston Churchill has already informed the House, steps are being taken to establish the convoy system at the earliest possible moment."

"This method of protection can obviously be only initiated after the outbreak of war. It takes time to bring it fully into operation, but the House can be satisfied that it is being applied with the utmost possible speed and vigour."

"Most of the ships which have been attacked hitherto are vessels which commented their voyages before war had broken out, and naturally, for them, the full scope of our defensive organisation could not be immediately provided."

## Navy On Top

"While a certain proportion of heavy losses may be expected, and we must not minimise the threat to our shipping, I think the House and the country may rest assured that the navy, with all their war-time experience in handling this problem, and with the added advantage of the methods of submarine detection and destruction which have since been developed, will increasingly bring the problem under control."

## Wilhelmshaven Attack

"The Government would like to pay tribute to the very gallant attack made by units of the R.A.F. on certain German warships off Wilhelmshaven (cheers) during which at least two hits were scored on one of the so-called 'pocket' battleships."

"It has to be realised that the objectives attacked, namely the German base at Wilhelmshaven and at the entrance of the Kiel Canal, are probably the most strongly defended points in Germany, and the manner in which the R.A.F. attacks were pressed home despite the strength of the defences was worthy of highest praise."

"Mention must be made of the weather conditions prevailing during the afternoon of the attack."

## Attack In Rainstorm

"Visibility was extremely poor and the final stages of the attack are stated to have been carried out in a blinding rainstorm."

"A high degree of navigational skill was thus necessary to enable the attack to reach its objectives at all, and the fact that hits were recorded, demonstrates the ability of the R.A.F. to carry out its attacks under conditions of great difficulty."

"Finally I must stress the fact that a high proportion of the officers and men in the squadrons concerned have entered and received their training since the expansion began. The House may also be interested to know that those who took part in the attack included a number who were from the dominions."

## Leaflets Over Germany

"As the House knows, extensive reconnaissance flights have been carried out over Germany in the last week or two, during the last week by units of the bomber command."

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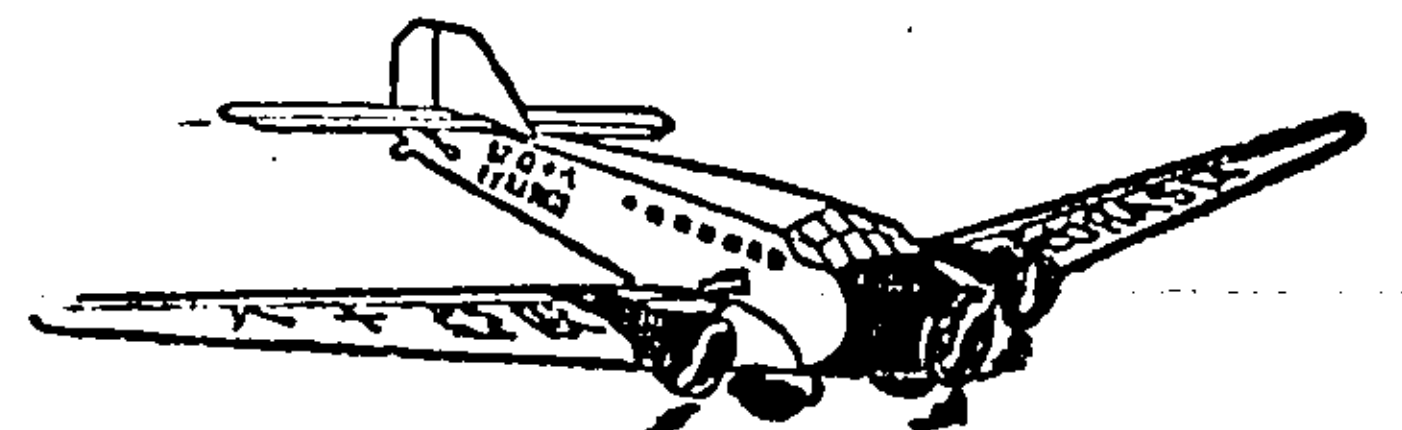


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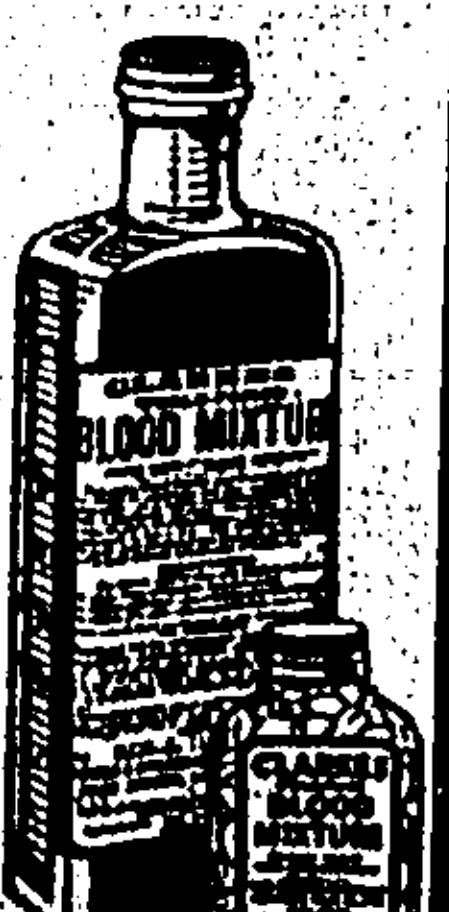
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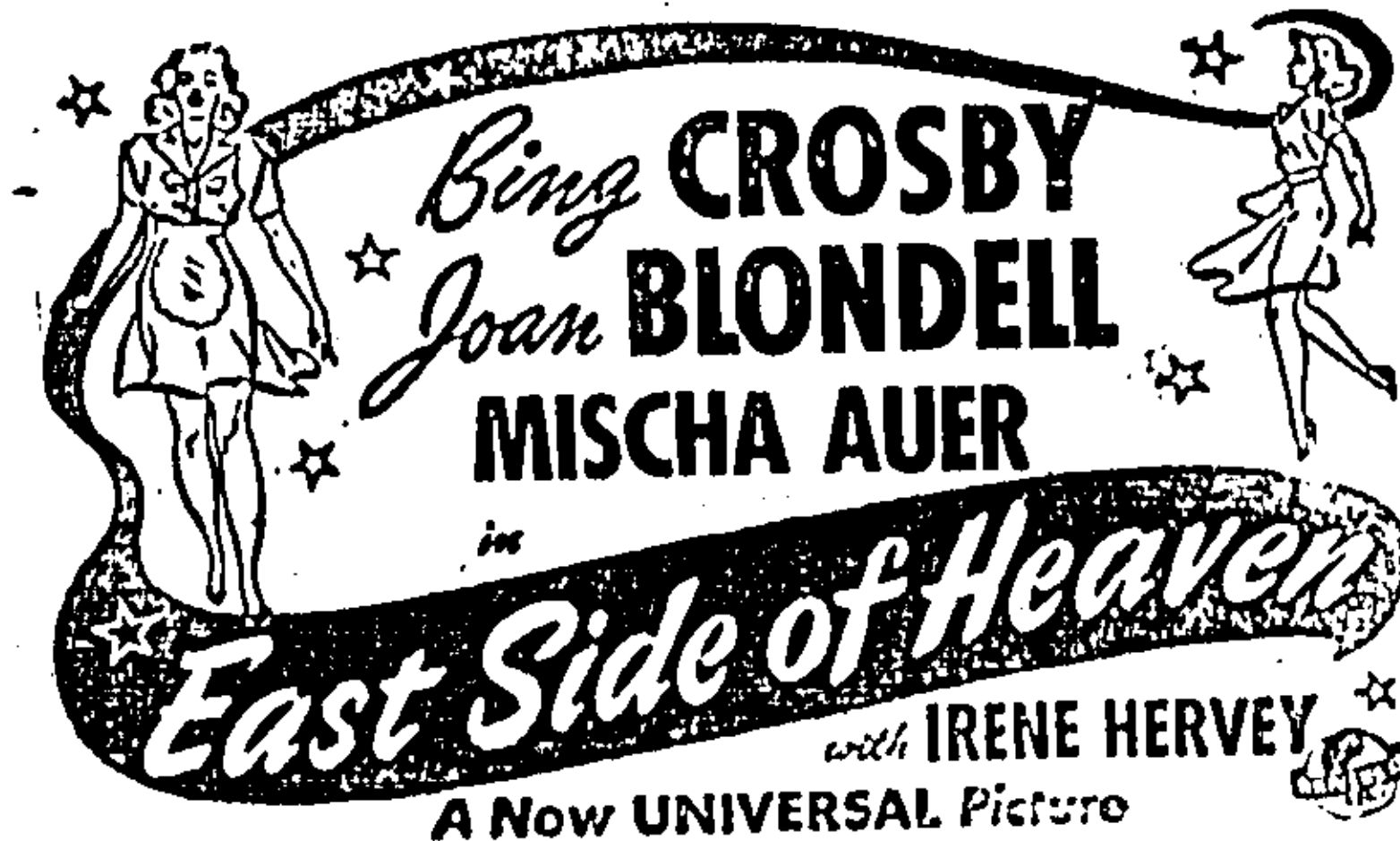
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B. Shick, of the Hongkong Hotel, was fined \$5 for leaving his car in the Pedder Street park for over two hours on August 24. Mrs. Johnstone, of May Road, was fined \$5 for allowing her car to remain stationary outside the Hongkong Hotel for longer than necessary on August 25.

### INDIAN GUARD DISCHARGED

Kartar Singh, 20, special guard, was discharged by Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of malicious damage to a car in Wanchai Road on September 5. The driver, Ng Kwan, said he saw Kartar poke the hood with his stick and kick the mudguard, while the car was parked outside the Nanyang Tobacco Factory. Ho Pui said he saw Singh kick the car.

## BROADCASTING HOURS

### Monthly Transmissions By ZBW and ZEK

The August report of ZBW and ZEK shows that actual hours of transmission were 451, of which 231 were devoted to European programmes and 220 to Chinese programmes, as follows:

**ZBW (European)**  
Morning transmission, including church relays, 774; evening transmission, 1534.  
Apart from recorded programmes, the following items were broadcast: Studio concerts, 11; studio talks, 2; tongue twister bee, 1; relay (including church services), 15; Daventry relays (including news and cricket relays), 123; Sunday evening epilogues, 4; children's concert, 5.

**ZEK (Chinese)**  
Morning transmission, including church relays, 65; evening transmission, 155.

Apart from record programmes the following items were broadcast: studio concerts, 32; theatre relays, 3; studio talks (including Mandarin lessons), 20; and children's concerts, 9.

New licences issued were 200 and renewals 385, making a total of 5,735 licences issued during 1939.

## SNATCHER'S VIOLENCE

### European Woman Attacked In Kowloon Tong

While on her way to visit her daughter in Waterloo Road on August 21, Mrs. Emily Wood, of Embankment Road, was attacked by a man, who slapped her face and snatched her handbag. As a result, Chan Hoi, 28, was committed for trial by Mr. Hingworth at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of robbery with violence. Det. Sgt. Dowman said Mrs. Wood and her daughter, Lella, were in Waterloo Road, near Rutland Quadrant, when Chan attacked Mrs. Wood. He slapped her face and snatched her handbag, containing \$78.00, a gold watch valued at \$200, and a fountain pen. Chan was arrested by Lau Hing-yu, cook. On her way to the police station, Mrs. Wood noticed pepper on her face. When Chan was searched, a packet of pepper was found. Miss Lella Wood said she was about two yards behind her mother. She identified Chan as the attacker.

## PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society held a social gathering yesterday evening at St. John's Hall, Garden Road, in order to meet the hon. Musical Director, Mr. W. Robertson, and Surg. Capt. G. V. Hobbs. The opportunity was also taken to discuss the forthcoming production of "No, No, Nanette."



Daniel Nee, 39, victim of one of the battles in strike-torn Harlan Ky. coal fields, knees wife in hospital. He died later of bullet wound in abdomen, second fatality of the recent series of riots.

## LATE NEWS

### FOOD CONTROL TO-MORROW

The "Telegraph" learns that Food Price Control is to be instituted in Hongkong to-morrow. An Order will be published in the "Government Gazette" which will be issued to-night.

This Order will control the retail prices at which articles of food and drink may be sold to the public. In the case of any article of food imported from any country other than China and Macao, the retail price may not be raised more than ten per cent. above the retail price prevailing in the Colony on August 31, 1939. In the case of any article of food produced in the Colony or imported from China or Macao, the retail price may not be raised above the retail price prevailing in the Colony on August 31.

The Order comes into force from the time it is published in the "Government Gazette" and remains in force until further notice. The penalty for failing to comply with the Order is, on summary conviction, imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

### JAPAN TO STAY OUT

LONDON, Sept. 8 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information states that Japan has notified Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador in Tokyo, that Japan does not intend to participate in the war.

The Japanese Government requests Britain to refrain from measures prejudicing Japan's position in China.

### Food Price Control Precautions

In connection with Food Price Control regulations, which will be announced to-night, several officials have been appointed by the Controller of Food for the purpose of inspecting premises where food is sold or stored. Officers in question have been empowered to inspect any account books or other documents. Retailers are to be requested to assist in the prevention of hoarding by selling goods to their regular customers in the usual quantities. Unusually large orders by regular customers or by other persons should not be accepted.

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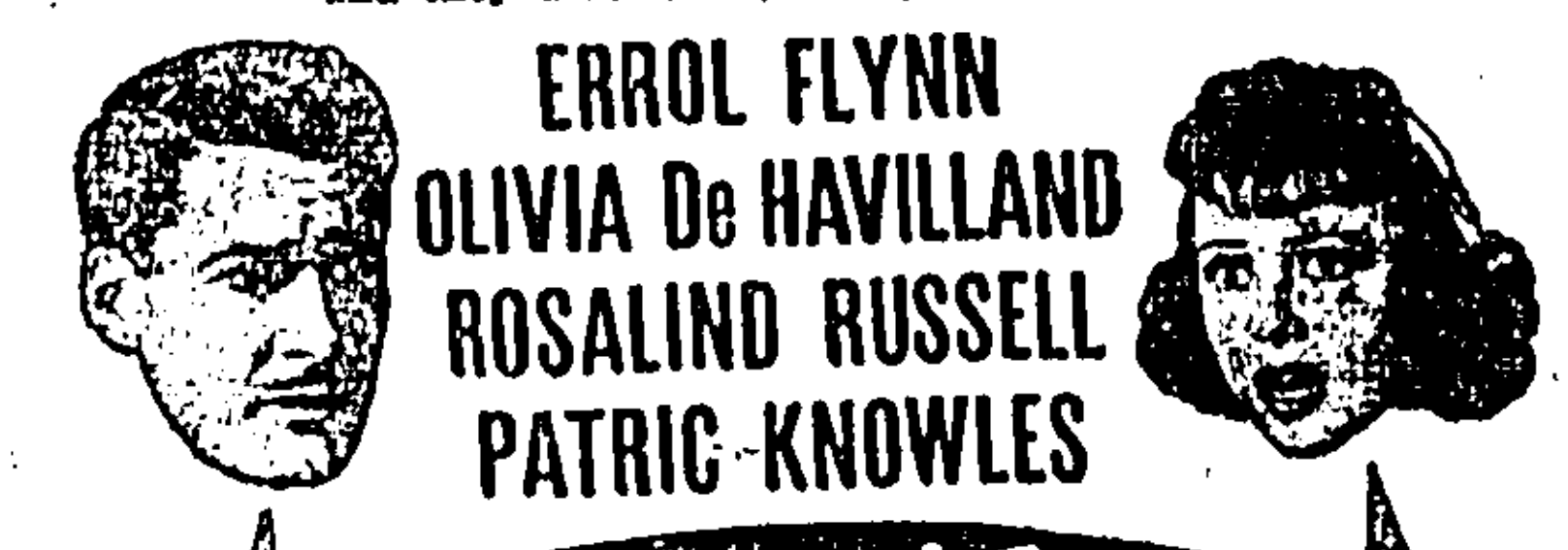


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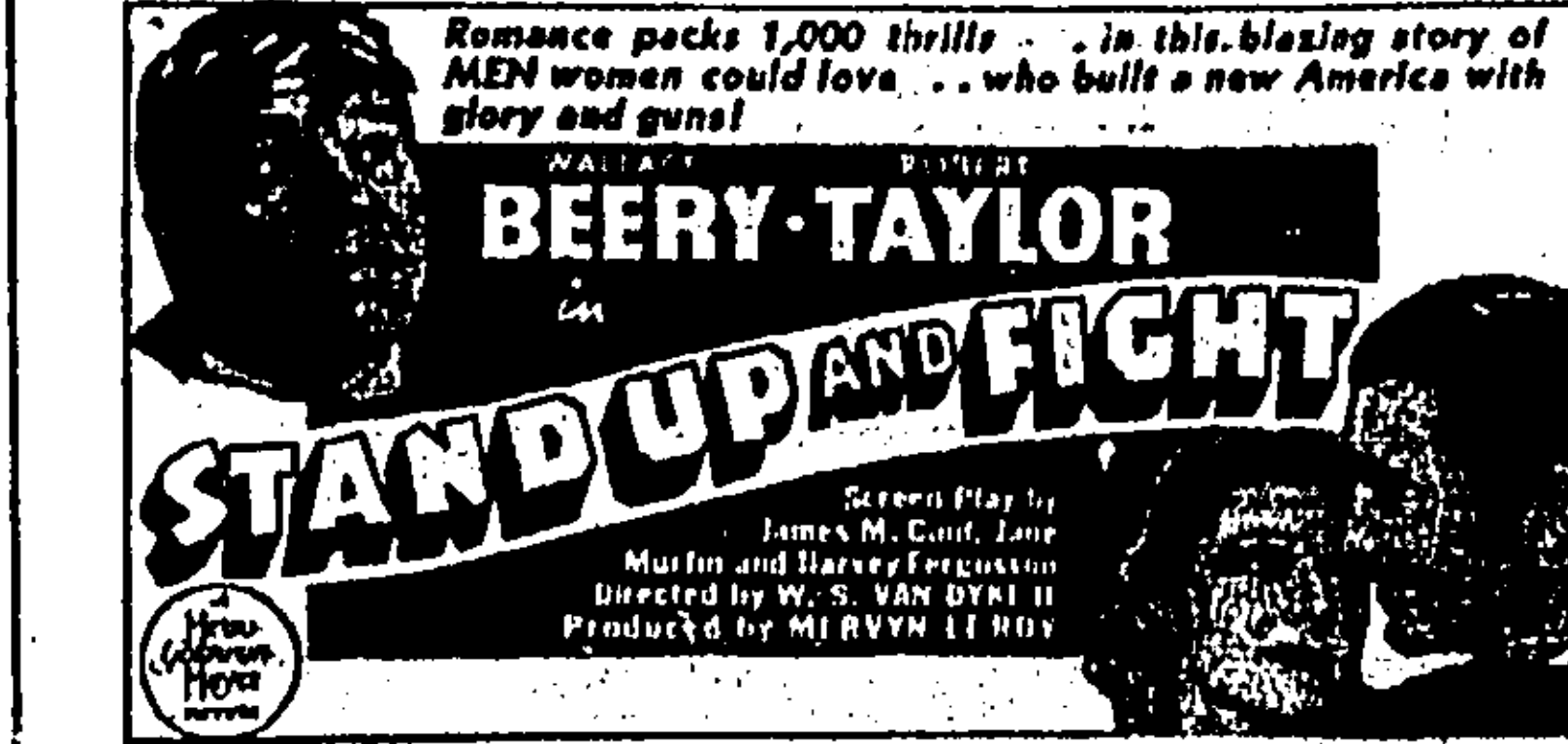
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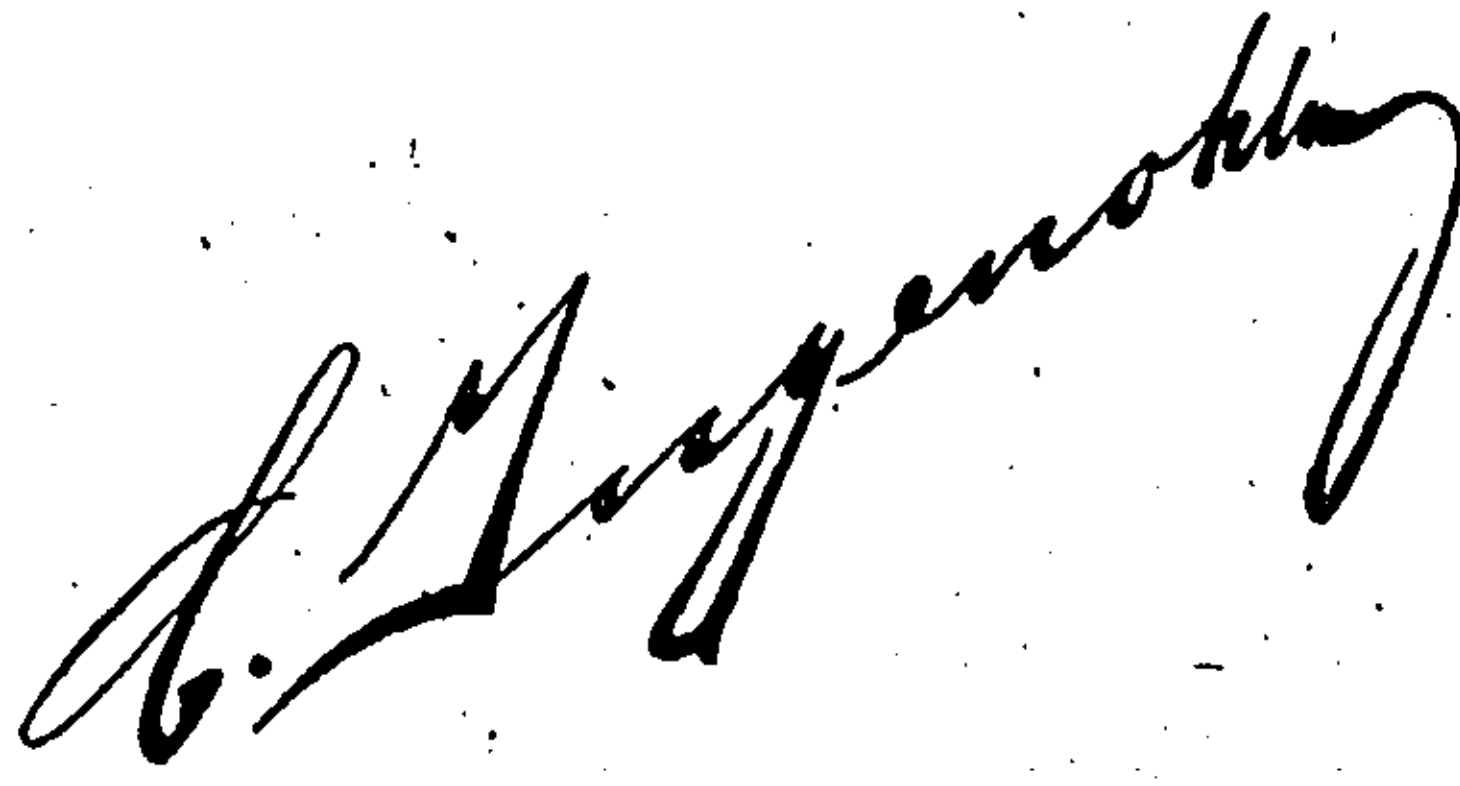
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